City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



STEINHAFELS FURNITURE SUPERSTORE OPENING SOON

Crystal Lake is excited to welcome Steinhafels' second Illinois location. Steinhafels is a fourth generation, family-owned business and is Wisconsin's #1 furniture retailer. Since their opening in 1934, Steinhafels Furniture has been providing quality home furnishings and home décor choices for a wide variety of tastes and budgets.

Steinhafels made substantial investments to refresh and rebuild the space at 5846 Northwest Highway. The 99,089 square-foot furniture superstore, located between Best Buy and Ross Dress for Less, offers an extensive selection of home décor, mattresses and furniture including seasonal furniture and a clearance center. **Steinhafels will open at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 15, 2019.**



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Three Oaks Recreation Area

5517 Northwest Highway Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 459-2020 ex. 4288
Website: threeoaksrecreation.com
FEBRUARY PARK HOURS 6:30 a.m. to Sunset

New for 2019: **ON-LINE RESERVATIONS**

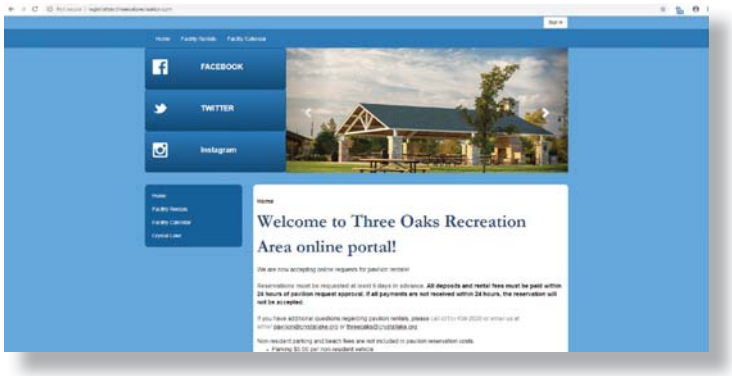
Pavilion Rental Reservations
The City now provides an on-line pavilion rental option, with a calendar of availability.

To reserve a pavilion:

- Visit City Hall, call (815) 459-2020, ext. 4288, or visit our website www.threeoaksrecreation.com under the "Pavilion Rentals" tab and there you will find the link to the Pavilion Rental Portal: registration.threeoaksrecreation.com.
- You will need to create an account on the portal
- You will be able to check pavilion availability and submit a request for your pavilion rental

Your pavilion will not officially be reserved until it has been approved by staff and payment has been received.

All details (size of pavilions, locations, fee schedule, amenities) and related FAQ forms are available on our website www.threeoaksrecreation.com under the "Pavilion Rentals" tab. Should you have any questions or troubles with the portal, please contact City staff at 815-459-2020 ex. 4288.



PUBLIC NOTICE: SOLICITORS

Like many communities, the City of Crystal Lake receives requests for solicitor permits from outside entities soliciting for monetary gain or for the purpose of gaining membership/service. In order for an entity or a business to solicit within City limits, the entity must complete an application with the Crystal Lake Police Department, and upon approval, must adhere to our local Ordinance, Chapter 385. A background check is mandatory. Steps and guidelines for solicitors are listed below.

§ 385-10 Application.

- Application for a license pursuant to the provisions of this article shall be made on a form provided by the Chief of Police or his/her designated representative. The applicant shall truthfully state in full the information requested on the application, as follows:
- Name and address of present place of residence and length of residence at such address, business address if other than present residence address, and social security number.
- Address of place of residence during the past three years if other than present address.
- Physical description of the applicant, including age.
- Name and address of the person, firm, corporation, association or organization whom the applicant is employed by or represents, and the length of time of such employment or representation.
- Description sufficient for identification of the subject matter of the soliciting which the applicant will engage in.
- Period of time for which the license is applied, which shall not exceed 30 days.
- The date or approximate date of the latest previous application for a license under this article, if any.
- A statement that the applicant will comply with all applicable statutes of the State of Illinois and ordinances of the City of Crystal Lake relating to public health, morals, safety and fire protection.
- Whether a license issued to the applicant under this article has ever been revoked.
- Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this article, or of any ordinance of any other municipality regulating soliciting.
- Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois, or any other state or federal law.

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Crystal Lake Police Department

The Season for Gift Card Scams

In addition to the Christmas Holidays, in certain periods of the year such as tax season, there is often a spike in gift card scams.

The Police Department often provides information to the public to address the issues surrounding gift card scams and fraud prevention. In mid-December 2018, the Police Department created its Protect Yourself Against Gift Card Scam stickers. The stickers, placed at the point of sale of local retailers, list some of the many scenarios associated with gift card scams. The goal is to help to reinforce judgement before making large quantity or large sum of gift card purchases.

With this being tax season, we want to continue to remind the public that the IRS DOES NOT take payment via gift cards, even if the caller threatens you with arrest by local police if you do not comply. Consult with a family member or the police before making any payments using gift cards to an unidentified person.



Don't Fumble by Driving Drunk on Super Bowl Sunday

On Sunday, February 3, 2019, Super Bowl 53 will be watched by millions. Whether you are catching the game at home with friends and family, or at an establishment that sells alcohol, ensure you and your guests drink responsibly and do your part to help keep our roads safe.

Additional Crystal Lake Officers will be on the roads to crack down on drunk driving.

Let's all be winners on Super Bowl Sunday!

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER

Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois

In 2018, the Crystal Lake Police Department helped raise over $7,800 to benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. The Crystal Lake community and surrounding areas came out to support all our events and we could not thank you enough. Our goal for 2019 is to surpass last year's fund raising goals and efforts. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- Dunkin Donut's Cop on Rooftop (May)
- Law Enforcement Torch Run (June)
- Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch (July)
- Trivia Night (fall)

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

To stay informed about events for specific dates and details, "like" us on Facebook. The Police Department also issues press releases and provides information on these events in the City's monthly newsletter. For information about how you can participate, contact Officer Ed Pluviose.

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

MAKE YOUR ADDRESS VISIBLE TO FIRST RESPONDERS

If you cannot read your address easily at night from the roadway, chances are a first responder won't be able to either. Help us find you when you need us most!



Here are guidelines to follow to make your property's address more visible in an emergency:

- Numbers on the building should be at least 4 inches tall, and contrast with the exterior (block style numbers).
- Numbers on the building should be clearly visible from the road (especially in an urban / business setting)
- Mailbox numbers should be 4 inches tall, reflective and clearly visible from both sides of the mailbox (block style).
- Turn on outdoor lights to make the address more visible.
- Make sure tree branches or other landscaping do not block the address.

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT:
CLEAR ICE AND SNOW FROM HYDRANTS THIS WINTER

During the winter months, the Fire Department often has greater difficulty getting water due to snow and ice buildup around fire hydrants. That is why we are asking for your help in keeping you and your neighbors safe.

Did you know a fire hose typically used by firefighters flows as much as 200 gallons per minute? It is critical that fire companies establish a water supply as soon as possible.

Snow and ice buildup around fire hydrants is a real concern for firefighters. The City of Crystal Lake has over 3,000 fire hydrants, and we ask for your help in keeping our community a safe and wonderful place to live.

When clearing snow from a hydrant, three feet worth of clearance is needed in all directions, including a path from the hydrant to the street. This will allow ample room for fire supply hoses to be connected to the front of the hydrant and back to the fire truck.

Remember to follow these proper shoveling techniques:

- Bend your knees and lift with your legs.
- As you lift the snow, keep the shovel close to you to prevent strain on your back.
- Switch hands while shoveling, between your right and left to work different muscles. Also, try changing your grip.
- If the snow is too heavy, don't take as much. Instead, layer the snow and grab a little at a time.
- And lastly, if you feel tired, take a break. If something doesn't feel right, such as shortness of breath or chest pain, then stop and call 911.



BY DIANA KENNEY

PAUL BERTRAM – A MAN OF SERVICE

Paul Bertram believed in "giving back" to your community. This was more than a belief for Paul, it was a way of life.

Paul Bertram was born in South Australia on August 16, 1880. He was the son of a Lutheran missionary. His father's assignments sent the family from Germany to Australia, New Zealand, Chicago, and eventually Crystal Lake, where Rev. Bertram became pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 1897 to 1904.

In 1901, Paul married Miss Erda Ritt at Immanuel Lutheran with his father officiating. Paul was a blacksmith and carriage maker, working for Wm. Bruedigam and H.O. Mason before opening up his own blacksmith shop on North Main.

In 1914, the villages of Crystal Lake and Nunda merged to become the City of Crystal Lake. Paul Bertram was appointed the city's first fire chief, and was given authority to organize a fire department. His job included selecting and training qualified men to serve as volunteers, arranging for protective hats and coats for the men, and making recommendations for the purchase of a fire truck and hoses needed for the department to adequately protect people and property.



Paul Bertram organized the city's Building Department, and served as Building and Electrical inspector. He was one of the original zoning commissioners, and served as enforcing officer. He was a member of the Crystal Lake Welfare Association and on the Board of the Illinois Public Aid Commission for McHenry County. Bertram served as president of the District 47 Board of Education for 16 years. Paul Bertram was instrumental in organizing the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce in 1940, and served as its first president. He was active in his church, Immanuel Lutheran, serving on countless boards and committees.

Outside of McHenry County, he served on the Illinois Toll Road Commission, Illinois Metropolitan Planning Commission, and 16 years as a Deputy State Fire Marshal.

After retiring from being a blacksmith, Paul's second career was in real estate, in which he built over 40 houses in Crystal Lake! The first house he built was in 1914 and is located at 50 N. Caroline Street. The Bertram house has been landmarked by the City of Crystal Lake. The house is constructed of formed concrete blocks. The Bertrams lived in this house for six years.

In his "spare" time, Paul was able to pursue personal hobbies such as taxidermy and painting. In 1917, he built a 20' x 20' building in his back yard on N. Caroline Street to create a small taxidermy museum. Bertram's collection of stuffed birds and animals quickly outgrew the space. His species were then displayed in store windows, at schools, and throughout town.

In 1960, Paul Bertram reached the age of 80. The occasion was marked by a surprise party of 100 guests held at Martinetti's Restaurant. The guest book signatures reflect a "Who's Who" in Crystal Lake, including names like Pingry, Sandstrom, Shales, Pflueger, Visin, Zilly, Gumprecht, Heisler, Raue, and many more.



A plaque was presented which read, "In Honor of Paul E. Bertram for Outstanding Service to the Community over the Years. Presented this 16th day of August, 1960, by His Many Friends." Paul's modest acceptance of the gift was accompanied by these words, "I'm still impressed with Crystal Lake, and I appreciate this surprise. In the future, if I can be of any service to the City of Crystal Lake, I'm at your service."

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.

CURBSIDE ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT: WEEK OF MARCH 18 – 22, 2019

Prairieland Disposal will be conducting curbside electronics collection during the week of March 18th to the 22nd. Residents may set out a maximum of five (5) electronic items, including a limit of one (1) TV or one (1) computer monitor. The electronics will be collected on the resident's regularly scheduled collection day.

The following table details which items may and may not be set out for electronics collection:

Accepted Electronics Items	Items NOT Accepted
One Television or One Computer Monitor	Air Conditioners
Cell Phones, Telephones and Tablets	Appliances
Cameras	Batteries
CD Players	Battery Operated Children's Toys
Computer Drives	Coffee Makers
Cords and Cables	Computer Disks
Electronics Mice and Keyboards	Dishwashers
Fax Machines and Printers	Hair Dryers and Hair Irons
Holiday Lights	Humidifiers
Modems	Liquid or Chemical Waste
Paper Shredders	Microwave Ovens
Satellite Receivers	Packaging Materials
Scanners	Refrigerators
Stereos	Smoke and Fire Detectors
Video Game Consoles	Water Softeners

Please contact Prairieland Disposal at (847) 381-9300 with any questions regarding the electronics collection event. The fall electronics collection week will occur on September 9th to the 13th.



McHenry County Green Guide

The McHenry County Green Guide, produced by the McHenry County College Sustainability Center is available at www.mchenry.edu/GREEN. The Green Guide is a resource for recycling events and collection sites throughout McHenry County.

Sustainability Committee Vacancies

The Sustainability Committee is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Committee. For additional information, please contact Nick Hammonds, Management Analyst at (815) 459-2020 or via email at nhammonds@crystallake.org.

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If the applicant is employed by or represents a charitable organization, the applicant shall furnish, in addition to the aforementioned information:

- Proof that the organization has complied with the provisions of the Solicitation for Charity Act, 225 ILCS 460/0.01 et seq.
- Proof that the organization is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, as amended.
- All statements made by the applicant upon the application or in connection therewith shall be under oath.
- The Chief of Police or his/her designated representative shall cause an accurate record to be kept of every application received and acted upon, together with all other information and data pertaining thereto and all licenses issued under the provisions of this article, and of the denial of applications. Applications for licenses shall be numbered in consecutive order as filed, and every license issued and any renewal thereof shall be identified with the duplicate number of the application upon which it was issued.

§ 385-11 Denial of license. [Amended 12-20-2011 by Ord. No. 6736]

No such license shall be issued to:

- Any person who has been convicted of the commission of a felony under the laws of the State of Illinois or any other state or federal law, within five years of the date of application.
- Any person who has been convicted of a violation of any provision of this article, or of an ordinance of any other municipality regulating soliciting.
- Any person whose license issued hereunder has previously been revoked as herein provided.
- Any applicant employed by or representing a charitable organization which failed to furnish the proof required under § 385-10A (12).
- Any person who, at the time of application for renewal of any license issued hereunder, would not be eligible for such license upon original application.
- Any person employed by or representing a firm, corporation or other organization, if any partner, officer or managing agent of such firm, corporation or organization would not be eligible for a license hereunder upon an individual application.

If at any time persons going door-to-door display suspicious behavior, harassing employee(s) or patrons, or refuse to leave an establishment/residence upon request, we encourage you to notify the police department immediately by dialing 9-1-1.

Additional information on Solicitor, Peddlers and Transient Vendors can be found on the City's website at www.crystallake.org.

CALENDAR
February 2019

Tuesday, February 5
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, February 6
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Monday, February 18
- City Offices Closed for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 19
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, February 20
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

DOWNTOWN CRYSTAL LAKE HAVE A HEART FOOD DRIVE

2019 "Have a Heart" Food Drive (Feb 9 – 16)

Hunger is an issue every minute of every hour of every day. In order to combat this issue, many of your favorite downtown merchants are hosting a "Have a Heart Food Drive" in order to stock the shelves of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry.

We encourage our customers to bring in non-perishable food items. Before shopping, review the Crystal Lake Food Pantry's Most Needed Items.



Additional information can be found about the Food Drive can be found at: https://downtowncl.org/annual-events/have-a-heart-food-drive/.

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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.