City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



CULVERT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

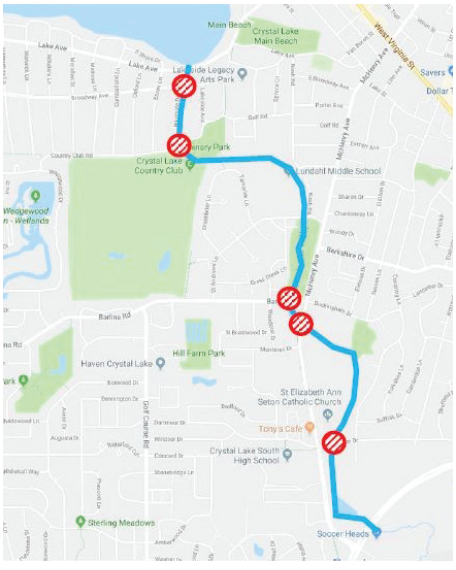
WHAT IS THE PROJECT? Crystal Creek flows from Crystal Lake and passes under roads through culverts. These culverts will be removed and replaced. **The roads will need to be closed during construction (approximately 3-4 weeks).**

WHERE ARE THE CULVERTS LOCATED? Along Crystal Creek at Broadway Avenue, Country Club Road, Barlina Road, McHenry Avenue, and Dartmoor Drive. Each of these roads will be closed during construction. **McHenry Avenue will not be closed at the same time as Barlina Road and Dartmoor Drive.**

WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED? The culverts are 50-75 years old. The culverts are beyond their useful life.

WHEN WILL THE PROJECT OCCUR? The contractor anticipates starting the project in April 2019. The road closures of Barlina Road, McHenry Avenue, and Dartmoor Drive will occur in the summer when school is not in session. Roads will be closed during construction to ensure a faster and safer project.

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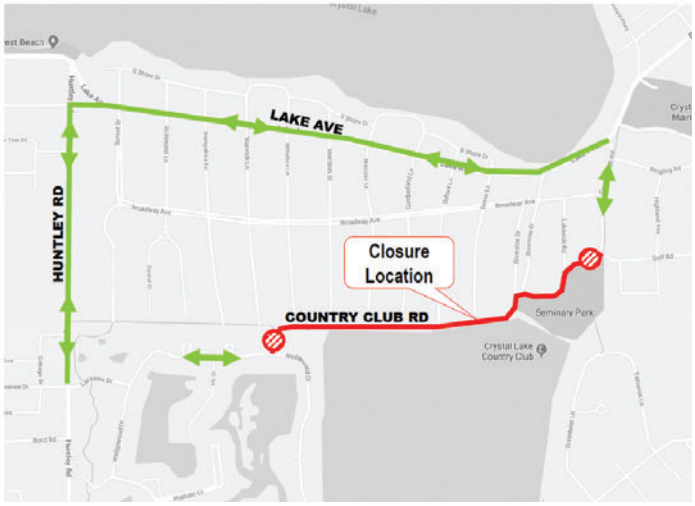
HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN THE ROADS WILL BE CLOSED?
Message boards will be placed along roads to be closed notifying the public of the date of the road closure. Information will also be posted on the City's webpage at www.crystallake.org. Once you are on the site, click "Our Community" then "Road Construction Projects". Also, follow the City on Facebook or Twitter or sign up to receive project updates by sending your email address to construction@crystallake.org.

The maps on this page show the closure location in red and the detours marked by a green arrowed line.

Broadway Avenue Culvert Detour Route
Estimated Closure April/May



Country Club Road Culvert Detour Route
Estimated Closure April/May



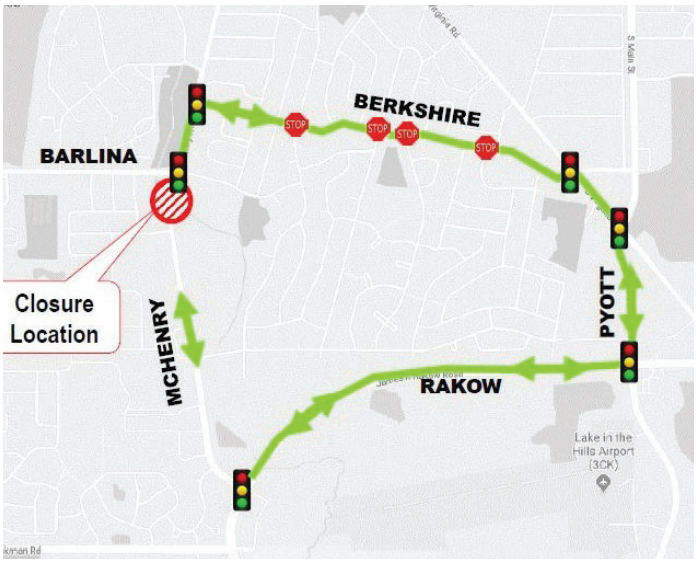
Barlina Road Culvert Detour Route
Estimated Closure June/July



Dartmoor Drive Culvert Detour Route
Estimated Closure June/July



McHenry Avenue Culvert Detour Route
Estimated Closure July/Early August



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mark Your Calendars for Cop on Rooftop



Last year, the Crystal Lake Police Department raised over $3,000 in the annual Dunkin Donuts' Cop on Rooftop fundraising event for the Special Olympics Illinois. This year we are counting on the community to help surpass that total.

On Friday, May 17, 2019, from 5:00 am. to noon, Crystal Lake Officers will need your assistance in getting down from the roof at Dunkin Donuts, located at 4817 Northwest Highway, in Crystal Lake. Money raised at the event benefits thousands of Special Olympics Illinois athletes by providing year-round training and competition.

A donation of $20.00 or more will get you a Law Enforcement Torch Run Special Olympics t-shirt.

*** If making a donation by check, please make it payable to Special Olympics Illinois. For more information, contact Officer Ed Pluviose at 815-356-3731 or by email at epluviose@crystallake.org

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN® FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Did you know? The week of April 7-13, 2019 is recognized as National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a proclamation signed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

WE ARE SURVIVOR STRONG NCVRW19

DEA National Prescription Drug Take-back Day



On Saturday, April 27, 2019, the Crystal Lake Police Department will participate in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-back Day event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During this time, residents can visit the designated drop-off area at City Hall, located at 100 W. Woodstock Street, to discard unwanted or expired prescriptions or over-the-counter medications.

The following items will not be accepted.

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

***Prior to drop off, be sure to remove all labels or black out with marker any information containing name, phone number, address, and doctor's information.

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

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

SAFE MEDICINE STORAGE

- Medicines and vitamins help families stay well, but must be stored in a safe location that is too high for young children to reach or see.
- Never leave medicines or viatmins out on a kitchen counter or at a sick child's bedside, even if you have to give the medicine again in a few hours.
- Always relock the safety cap on a medicine bottle. If it has a locking cap that turns, twist it until you hear the "click" or until you can't twist anymore.
- Tell children what medicine is and why you must be the one to give it to them.
- Never encourage a child to take medicine by describing it as candy.
- Remind babysitters, houseguests and visitors to keep purses, bags, or coats containing medicine secure and away from children.

Information provided by UpandAway.org in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Quarry Cable Park & Grille: Spring Greetings from the Quarry!

The Quarry cables will be open in early May! Check the Quarry website www.thequarrycablepark.com and visit our social media pages for opening day details.

The upcoming 2019 season marks a change for the Quarry's restaurant service. The past two seasons we've enjoyed having Duke's on the Water as our in-season food provider but, beginning May 2019, the Quarry Grille will re-emerge. The new menu will include burgers, sandwiches, salads, desserts and more. The Quarry bar will open in tandem with the Grille as soon as possible in May (weather depending). Please check out the Quarry website for opening dates of the Grille and bar. We look forward to serving our terrific Quarry guests!

Once the cables open in May, we'll be fast at work hosting the Midwest College Championship in May (dates TBD) featuring college riders from University of Michigan, Michigan State, Arizona State University, Baylor University, Indiana University, Mizzou, Kansas State, University of Wisconsin and Tennessee. We are honored to be chosen as the host site for the College Championship and, as with the WWA Nationals in August 2018, we are excited about visitors from across the United States visiting Crystal Lake and competing at the Quarry. Please come on out and support these colleges and their riders!

Also, check out the Quarry website for new 2019 information:

- Summer Camps
- Volleyball Tournaments
- Bags Tournaments

Thinking about a scenic spot to host your next private event? Why not book your event at the Quarry? The Lakeside room is a fully-private event space with a 44 - person capacity available for private events year-round. Lower level (indoor and outdoor) spaces are available for reservation as well. Details and rates can be found on the Quarry website or you can contact the Quarry event line at (815) 345-0387.



THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

5517 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Information Hotline: (815) 356-2447
Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333
Website: crystallake.org
Follow Three Oaks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

MARINA FISHING BOAT RENTALS AVAILABLE STARTING APRIL 13, 2019

Reminder: We are a "Catch & Release" recreational fishing facility.

FISHING BOATS ONLY

Opening day is **Saturday, April 13, 2019**, weather permitting. The Marina will be open **weekends only** in April from 6:30 a.m. to Sunset. For operational status of the Marina, please call the Rainout Line at (815) 506-9333. For all other questions regarding Marina rentals, call our Marina during weekend hours at (815) 356-3754.

LIFEGUARDING TEAM – Summer Positions

We are accepting applications to fill Lifeguard positions for the 2019 Season at Three Oaks Recreation Area. Our beach season runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in applying, please visit www.crystallake.org and click on "Employment" to complete an application. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and have an American Red Cross Certification.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

April

- The Park is OPEN daily at 6:30 a.m. until Sunset
- Beginning April 13: The Marina is open Saturdays & Sundays from 6:30 a.m. until Sunset.

May

- May 1: Park open daily. Marina open daily, with limited hours. Please call the Rainout Line at (815) 506-9333 for more information.
- May 25: Swimming beach opens for the season at 10:00 a.m. All persons must be out of the water at 7:30 p.m. Lake House Complex closes at Sunset.

Visit our website for pricing, additional information and an interactive map of the Park.
Non-Resident annual season passes can be purchased weekdays at City Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Online Picnic Pavilion reservations are available on the Crystal Lake website at www.crystallake.org and at www.registration.threeoaksrecreation.com.





BY DIANA KENNEY

THE COLBY BUILDING

Up until about 1910, the Colby Building (today's Crystal Lake Bank & Trust building) was the southernmost commercial building on Williams Street. South of the building, there were empty lots, houses, and a church.



Looking north on Williams Street - the Colby Building is the first building on the left

Ora C. Colby was born in Danville, VT in 1837. When he was three years old, his parents moved the family west and settled on a farm in McHenry County. Young Ora was afflicted with a hip disease which restricted his physical activities; he could never earn a living as a farmer. A smart student, he soon learned he was good with numbers and could earn a living in the retail trade. Ora worked as a clerk in several different stores before partnering up with his brother Henry in a dry goods and mercantile store in McHenry. The brothers dissolved the partnership in 1881, and Ora rented some space in Nunda (now Downtown Crystal Lake) to open his own mercantile and dry goods store.

In May 1892, ground was broken and a basement was dug for the Colby Building on Williams Street. Throughout the year, the Nunda Herald reported the building's progress, and by December of 1892, Ora C. Colby was open for business in his new building. It was reported to be the largest store in Nunda.

In 1903, the Colby Building was purchased by Morris Cohn, a competing mercantile dealer in Nunda. As Colby's store hosted a retirement sale to vacate the premises, Cohn's competitive nature had him advertising and hosting his own "removal" sale, slashing prices to compete with Colby's retirement sale. The citizens of Nunda must have enjoyed the super-savings offered at both stores!

Morris Cohn was a Russian immigrant who came to this country penniless. He started out as a peddler, walking from house-to-house in the village with a pack of goods on his back. From his humble beginnings, Morris Cohn eventually owned many commercial buildings on Williams Street. He was a true "rags to riches" success story!

Morris Cohn's store, later known as M. Cohn & Sons, was open at this location until 1961 (long after Morris Cohn's death). The business and building were then sold to Gerson Amdur of Rockford, an experienced and successful department store operator.

In the early 1970s an attempt to "modernize" the storefront was made by adding a mansard façade (see center photo). When Crystal Lake Bank & Trust acquired the property, the mansard façade was removed. Fortunately, the terra cotta blocks from the original façade were intact underneath the mansard. These were removed by the bank, and are now on display in the bank lobby.

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.



Same building – three different facades

FLOODING

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Information on whether your property is at a higher risk for flooding can be obtained by viewing the FEMA floodplain maps online. Maps are also available for viewing at the Community Development counter in City Hall along with other flood-related information. Links to these maps can also be found on the Engineering Division website www.crystallake.org. Contact one of the Civil Engineers in the Engineering Division at (815) 356-3605 for further assistance. City staff is happy to assist residents in reading these maps and locating individual properties. City staff is also available to provide flood protection assistance over the phone or by visiting a property.

FLOOD SAFETY

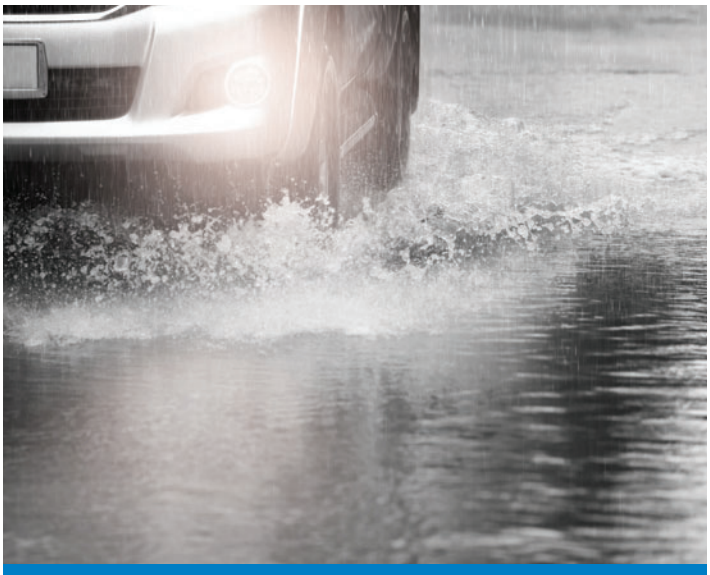
During heavy rains or flash floods, the following general guidelines can help protect you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through standing water or a flooded area. Do not drive around barriers, as hidden flooding dangers are likely to be present beyond sight of the initial warning signage.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. As little as six inches of water can knock a person off their feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is danger of flooding, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house if your home is in danger of flooding. If you smell gas, report it to a City official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts, and storm drains. Flood waters can carry dangerous moving objects that are not visible from the surface. Culverts may also pose hidden dangers and trap children.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Floodwater may be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

There are many basic maintenance techniques that you can employ to help minimize potential damage to your property during heavy rains:

- Check sump pumps regularly.
- Clean roof gutters and downspouts regularly.
- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or on raised platforms.





- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a permit from the City. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact the Engineering Division to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (815) 356-3605. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Many residents are unaware that most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is available to residents of Crystal Lake through their individual insurance carriers, as the City is participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Additionally, because the City participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, flood insurance premiums are discounted for residents in the 100-year floodplain.

If you currently have flood insurance, be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained and there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance.

If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated and insured bank for a loan.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the overland blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials (including but not limited to oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants) into a waterway or down storm drains and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact the Engineering Division at (815) 356-3605.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you want to get more information regarding flood-related issues in Crystal Lake, here are some additional sources:

- National Flood Insurance Program website: www.floodsmart.gov/
- City of Crystal Lake Engineering Division
  100 West Woodstock Street
  Crystal Lake, IL 60014
  (815) 356-3605
- City of Crystal Lake Website: https://www.crystallake.org/your-government/departments/community-development/engineering/flood-hazard
- Crystal Lake Public Library



Crystal Lake American Legion Post 171

Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service

May 27, 2019



The Crystal Lake American Legion Post will conduct its annual Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service on Monday, May 27, 2019. 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 Melanie Nebel at the City of Crystal Lake, by email at mnebel@crystallake.org, by fax at (815) 356-3780 or by mail at 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Nebel 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)

NEW BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO SPRING UP IN CRYSTAL LAKE!

Hickory Hall-
406 W. Woodstock
Hickory Hall, formerly Park Place, a Crystal Lake Park District facility, is now a private banquet facility available for hosting events ranging from birthday parties to weddings.

Scholl Construction
432 W. Virginia Street
Scholl Construction is a full-service construction company specializing in innovative custom built homes, large remodeling projects and additions, as well as commercial construction and renovations.

Withania Natural Health
820 E. Terra Cotta Ave, Unit 215
Withania Natural Health focuses on diagnosis and treatment of patients through natural means. They work with patients to improve the quality of life through good nutrition, acupuncture and chiropractic care.

EASTER BUNNY VISITS

Saturday, April 13, 2019
11AM to 2PM



The Easter Bunny will be in Downtown Crystal Lake on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Look for the Bunny's tent at the corner of Williams & Brink, near the Raue Memorial Clock (weather permitting).

FREE instant photos with the Bunny in a decorated frame will be provided for the first 50 visitors. Bring your own camera (or phone) and take as many pictures as you want!

Each child who visits the Bunny will get a chance to spin our Easter Prize Wheel. Every child is a winner! Prizes will range from big to small. Spring is just around the corner. Make plans to visit Downtown and see the Easter Bunny!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Thursday, April 25, 2019
5PM to 9PM



Ladies — bring your mothers, sisters, daughters, and girlfriends Downtown for lots of fabulous food, music, special deals, and more!

This event is FREE for all ladies! Starting at 5:00 p.m., check in at the The Raue Center for the Arts (26 N. Williams). The first 500 customers will receive a map, list of participating businesses and their specials, AND one free raffle ticket for the gift bag drawings!

Explore all the great deals by walking around Downtown Crystal Lake. With every purchase made at one of the participating stores, you will receive an additional raffle ticket for the gift bag drawings. The more stores you visit and make purchases in, the greater your chance to WIN!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

The Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Crystal Lake Park District will host their annual Community Clean-up Day on Saturday, April 27, 2019, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at McCormick Park, located at 427 W. Virginia Street.

- Gloves, safety vest and bags will be available to all residents to help in the cleanup of their neighborhoods.
- The Chamber will also provide a paper/document shredding truck, shoe recycling tent, and the Home of the Sparrow will be accepting clothing.
- In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the Police Department will conduct a Prescription Drug Take-back Event.

All Volunteers are encouraged to return to McCormick Park after their clean-up for an appreciation lunch.

Large groups can sign up with the Park District at 815.455.1763.

This FREE event is rain or shine. Contact the Chamber at (815) 459-1300 or visit clchamber.com for more information.



CALENDAR | April 2019

Tuesday, April 2
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, April 3
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Tuesday, April 16
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, April 17
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Saturday, April 27
- Community Clean-up Day, 8:30 a.m.
  (Chamber of Commerce, McCormick Park, 427 W. Virginia Street)

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