City of Crystal Lake, Illinois

CITYLETTER



NEW BUSINESSES – COMING SOON

Ding Tea
230 W. Virginia Unit 850A
Contemporary bubble tea franchise from California that is new to the Midwest serving high quality boba tea, milk tea and fruit juices.

815 ChopHouse
394 W. Virginia Street
In the Virginia Street Corridor, this new owner is bringing an American steakhouse to Crystal Lake that offers bold and distinctive flavors with steaks, seafood, and style.

Carlos Pancake House
83 N. Williams Street
In the heart of the Downtown District, a family-owned home-style restaurant serving a wide variety of traditional American and Mexican breakfast favorites.







Inside:

Water Quality **Report**

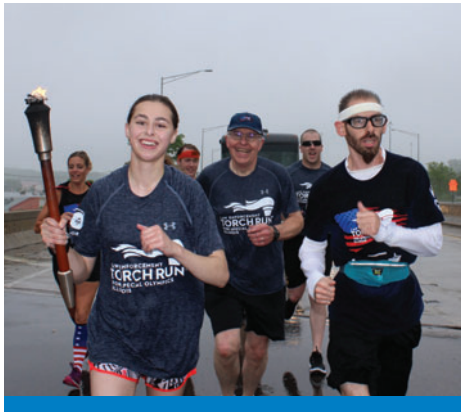
Vehicle Stickers

Trolley Tour

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reminder: The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois

Come cheer on the athletes and their law enforcement partners on Sunday, June 2, 2019, for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. The run kicks off at 8:00 a.m. Please expect traffic delays along the run route (westbound Algonquin Road from Route 25, and northbound Route 31 to Knox Park). Due to roadway construction on Algonquin Road, the run will not start at the Barrington Hills Police Department like in years past.



Upcoming Event: Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch

On Friday, July 26, 2019, several uniformed Crystal Lake Police Officers will be waiting tables at the Crystal Lake Texas Roadhouse, 835 Cog Circle, for the Texas Roadhouse Torch Run Benefit Lunch. It is one of many fundraising events in support of the Special Olympics Illinois. Please stop by with your family, order food from a limited menu for dine-in or take-out and your gratuity will go to benefit the cause. The event is from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the federal law that protects public drinking water supplies throughout the nation. Under the SDWA, the EPA sets standards for drinking water quality, and with its partners implements various technical and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

The SDWA requires that all water utilities produce and distribute a water quality report each year, which is also called a Consumer Confidence Report. This report includes a comparison of drinking water test results to federal drinking water standards, information about municipal water sources and an overview of treatment processes.

The Crystal Lake Public Works Department is committed to providing safe water to our customers, and we are strong supporters of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Crystal Lake Annual Water Quality Report is available at:
El Informe anual de calidad del Agua de Crystal Lake esta disponible en:
https://www.crystallake.org/home/showdocument?id=17686
If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call: (815) 356 - 3614.



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like the smell of grilling in the summertime. However, we often forget the damage a grill can do if we aren't cautious.



Below are some tips to remember when grilling to make sure you and your family are safe this summer.

- Remember to only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors.
- Keep grills away from your home, railings, balconies, and low-hanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from grilling area.
- Remove grease and fat buildup from grill and trays below the grill.
- Never leave a hot grill unattended.
- Never light a gas grill while the lid is closed.
- Keep any charcoal fluid away from children and heat sources.
- When you are finished cooking, allow coals and grill to cool completely.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

The City of Crystal Lake, in keeping with tradition, will be again celebrating with its much anticipated parade and fireworks. The Independence Day parade will kick off on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall following its traditional 1.8 mile route from City Hall (100 W. Woodstock St.), continuing down Dole Avenue and finishing at the Lakeside Festival Grounds.



The parade is hosted by the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Crystal Lake Lions Club, the City of Crystal Lake, the Northwest Herald and Star 105.5.

The festivities will conclude with The City of Crystal Lake sponsored 2019 fireworks show on Sunday, July 7, 2019. The fireworks will launch from the namesake Crystal Lake at dusk near Main Beach. The fireworks again promise a grand show for the entire family to enjoy.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy 4th of July.

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Information Hotline: (815) 356-2447
Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333
www.crystallake.org
Follow Three Oaks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

Come celebrate Father's Day with us on Sunday, June 16th!

Fishing at Three Oaks: Whether fishing on the shoreline or from one of our boats, Three Oaks has a strict catch-and-release policy to preserve the natural wildlife of the lake. The marina is stocked with bait and topography maps are also available to help you locate the next hot spots for fishing on the south lake.

Boats / Marina
6:30 AM – Sunset
Rates vary by watercraft

The Cottage on the Beach: Three Oaks Recreation Area's on-site food vendor. Cool down with some ice cream or a soft drink while enjoying lunch right on the beach. Lunch options include a variety of sandwiches and snacks including your favorite summertime food: hot dogs, hamburgers, quesadillas, pretzels, nachos and more!

The Cottage on the Beach
9:30 AM - 7:00 PM
(815) 459-7520

For up-to-date operational status of the park, please check out the Rainout Line at www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation or call (815) 506-9333. Our website also offers more detailed information about all of our amenities, including boat prices, annual passes, water temperature and pavilion rentals.

Parking & Entrance
6:30 AM – Sunset
$5 parking per vehicle,
Free parking for residents with valid vehicle sticker properly displayed on windshield.

Swim / Lakehouse
10:00 AM – 7:30 PM*
$10 Adults / $6 Youth & Seniors / 3 and under Free,
Residents free with ID showing valid residency
*All swimmers must be out of the water at this time

Scuba Zone
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
$20 (Residents $15)

The Board House
For hours and rental information: (847) 854-4754
www.aaboardhouse.com



THE QUARRY CABLE PARK & GRILLE

The Quarry wakeboard cables, Grille and Lakeside Bar are up and running and Quarry activities are in full swing. The Quarry's fourth season is here!

Cable Hours:
Sunday - Saturday: 10:00am - Dusk

Quarry Grille Hours:
Sunday - Thursday 11:00 am - 9:00pm
Friday & Saturday 1:00am - 10:00pm

Lakeside Bar Hours:
Sunday - Thursday 11:00am - 10:00pm
Friday & Saturday 11:00am - 11:00pm

The Quarry patio will continue to host live music Friday and Saturday nights. Upcoming summer events include the Liquid Force Pro Tour and Points Chase.

Summer Camp sessions for ages 6 to 13 still have openings, so check the Quarry website to enroll your camper(s).

Wakeboard lessons are available for private (one person) and semi-private (two or more people) instruction. If you would like to schedule lessons or learn more about options for lessons, please call the Quarry.

Volleyball:
The sand volleyball courts are re-energized with the sand volleyball Recreational "Rec" League and a new-for-2019 men's Competitive League.

The Recreational ("Rec") sand Volleyball League night is Tuesday 6pm - 8pm. The Rec League is a co-ed league of 8-10 players per team with a minimum of two females per team. The Competitive League plays Monday nights from 6pm - 8pm. The League will continue through the summer of 2019 with tournament play as well.

Baggo
The Quarry Baggo League is also new for 2019. The League is Thursdays 7pm -10pm. There may still be openings for the second Tournament session in late summer/early fall 2019.

Please call or email the Quarry for additional information or questions: (815) 893-0036
www.thequarrycablepark.com

We look forward to seeing you at the Quarry this summer!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: REFUSE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

How should I dispose of plastic bags?

Plastic bags from grocery and retail stores are not allowed to be included with residential recycling. Although it is common to use plastic bags to bundle recyclable material, the bags are not recyclable even if there are recyclable materials inside the bags. There are two options for residents to dispose of accumulated plastic bags from grocery and retail stores:

1. Jewel-Osco and Walmart will accept returned plastic bags that are not contaminated, or;
2. Place any plastic bags from grocery and retail stores in your garbage container for collection.

How do I register an account to begin service?

Residents who are new to the City can contact Prairieland Disposal at (847) 381-9300 to setup an account and begin receiving curbside refuse, recycling and yard waste collection.

Does Prairieland collect yard waste?

Prairieland Disposal began yard waste collection on April 1st. Please contact Prairieland Disposal if you have questions regarding your yard waste collection.

Can my garbage and recycling bins be stored in front of my house?

The current City ordinance states that garbage and recycling cans cannot be stored in the front yard setback, which is typically the area between the sidewalk and the front of the house. Residents are encouraged to store their cans inside their garages. Alternatively, they can be stored beside the house or garage so long as they are out of the front yard setback.

What should I do if my garbage or recycling collection is missed?

Any garbage, recycling or yard waste that is missed by Prairieland Disposal will be collected within 24 hours of the missed collection. Please contact Prairieland Disposal at (847) 381-9300 if your garbage, recycling or yard waste has been missed.

Do I have to pay an extra fee to dispose of large items or appliances?

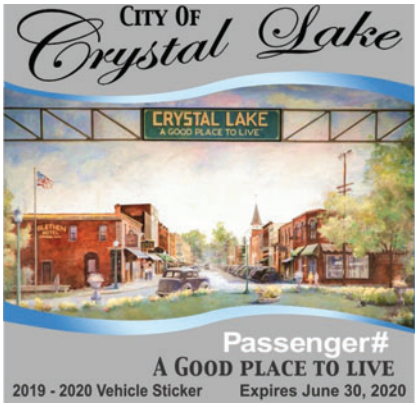
Prairieland will collect one bulk item on your regularly scheduled collection day each week at no extra cost. Items that require more than one person to lift into a disposal truck may require an additional fee, including large furniture such as couches. White goods, such as refrigerators, microwaves, and washing and drying machines will be collected for $35.00 per item. Please call Prairieland Disposal in advance to request collection of white goods.

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.



VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE JUNE 1, 2019

Vehicle stickers will go on sale June 1, 2019 and can be purchased online at www.crystallake.org. Also, beginning Monday, June 3, 2019, stickers can be purchased in-person at City Hall, 100 W Woodstock Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. City vehicle stickers (passenger only) will also be available for purchase (a service fee may apply) at the satellite locations included with the renewal form. Residents may only use the satellite location if there are no changes to the vehicle sticker application.



Preprinted forms will be mailed at the end of May. A valid sticker must be displayed on all vehicles registered in the City by July 15th. Residents who do not receive a preprinted form will be required to show proof of ownership (Illinois registration or insurance card showing a Crystal Lake address) and driver's license.

July 15 will be the last day to purchase vehicle stickers at the regular price. After July 15, prices will increase.

	Through 7/15	After 7/15	After 10/1
Passenger/Trucks with B Plates	$10.00	$15.00	$22.50
Motorcycle/Mopeds	$10.00	$15.00	$22.50
RV Plates	$14.25	$21.38	$32.07
Trucks with D Plates	$20.00	$30.00	$45.00
All other	$30.00	$45.00	$67.50

Senior citizens, age 65 and older (with proof of age), are able to purchase one vehicle sticker for $1.00 per person.

Residents are required to display a current City sticker on the lower passenger side of their front windshield. All funds generated from the sale of vehicle stickers are used in the City's street resurfacing and reconstruction program. Valid vehicle stickers also allow for free parking at the Three Oaks Recreation Area.

Please contact the Finance Department at 815-459-2020 or finance@crystallake.org if you have questions regarding vehicle stickers.

HOW CAN YOU HELP PREVENT AND CONTROL THE MOSQUITO POPULATION?

It's simple: **Prevention**

- Remove items that may hold water, which makes them a perfect breeding ground for the pests
- Change bird bath water frequently
- Keep gutters and downspouts clean
- Keep your lawn mown and consider adding landscape plants that may repel mosquitoes, such as citronella, marigolds, lavender, basil, rosemary, or lemon balm
- Residents who wish to report potential mosquito breeding areas, above normal mosquito levels, or would like to be notified by telephone the day of adult control in their area should contact the toll-free Mosquito Hotline at 1-800-942-2555



VEHICLE STICKERS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE

Residents can now quickly and easily purchase vehicle stickers online. This gives residents the flexibility and the convenience to log online at their own time at www.crystallake.org. Make sure to have your pre-printed form to access your PIN number.

Vehicle Stickers can also be purchased at City Hall, 100 W Woodstock Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or at our remote locations (through July 16th).

Preprinted forms were mailed at the end of May and are required for residents to purchase their City vehicle stickers. If a preprinted form is not received, you must show proof of vehicle ownership (Illinois registration or insurance card showing your Crystal Lake address) and driver's license.

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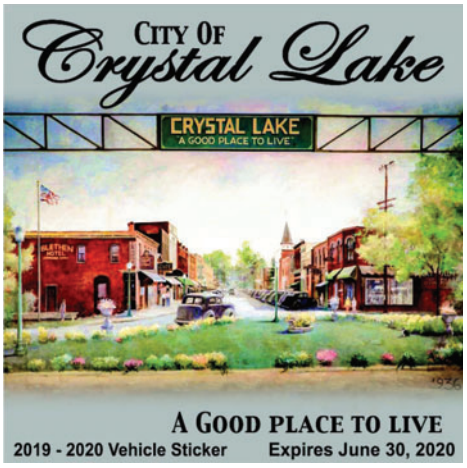
American Community Bank, 381 S Main St
Crystal Lake Bank & Trust, 70 N Williams St, and 5100 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W Paddock St
Home Depot, 4447 U.S. Route 14
Jewel Food Store, 6140 U.S. Route 14
Julie Ann's Frozen Custard, 6500 U.S. Route 14
Lloyd's Paint n' Paper, 73 N Williams St
Three Oaks Recreation Area, (Marina) 5517 Northwest Hwy
West Suburban Currency Exchange, 3 Crystal Lake Plaza

*Only passenger vehicle stickers (indicated as "PAS" and "SRPAS" in the Class section of the pre-printed form) are available at these remote locations. Pre-printed forms, with no vehicle changes, only accepted at these remote locations. All other applications accepted at City Hall, via U.S. Mail, or online.

BY DIANA KENNEY

A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE

This year's city vehicle sticker features the mural which adorns the lobby of City Hall. The mural shows a vintage scene of downtown, including the "Electric Sign".



History of The Electric Sign

According to the May 18, 1922 edition of the Crystal Lake Herald, an electric sign was erected across Williams Street. The sign was made possible through the efforts of the Crystal Lake Commercial Club (forerunner to today's Chamber of Commerce) to advertise our town to everyone who passes through either by rail or motor car. Herbert A. Dodge, a prominent citizen and civic leader, coined the phrase, "Crystal Lake A Good Place to Live."

The original sign is described as: The main part of the wording is in large white letters which can be read easily for several blocks. The words, "55 Minutes To Chicago" are in gold leaf. All of the wording is against a dark green background and show up plainly in the daylight. The interior has 80 electric lights. The sign was lit every evening from dusk until 10PM. The sign is 4 feet high and 18 feet in length. It is mounted on structural iron posts 25 feet high. Total cost for the sign was $741.17

In 1924 the configuration of Williams, Main, and Woodstock Streets was altered. A triangle-shaped park was installed at the head of Williams Street, and the Electric Sign was moved 40 feet south of its original location.





Moving the sign was no small task. New concrete footings were put in place, and then a large derrick crane was brought in to lift the three ton sign and place it down on its new footings. The sign was moved without mishap except that one letter was broken when the end of a chain swung into it.

By the 1930's, the sign has been redone. The electric part of "The Electric Sign" appears to have been removed. The new sign is still mounted on the same framework.

The print, style, and colors of the sign have changed through the years. By the early 1970's, the configuration of Woodstock Street was changed again, and the 50-year old sign was removed. Although the sign is now gone, the slogan "Crystal Lake a Good Place to Live" is still used today.

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.

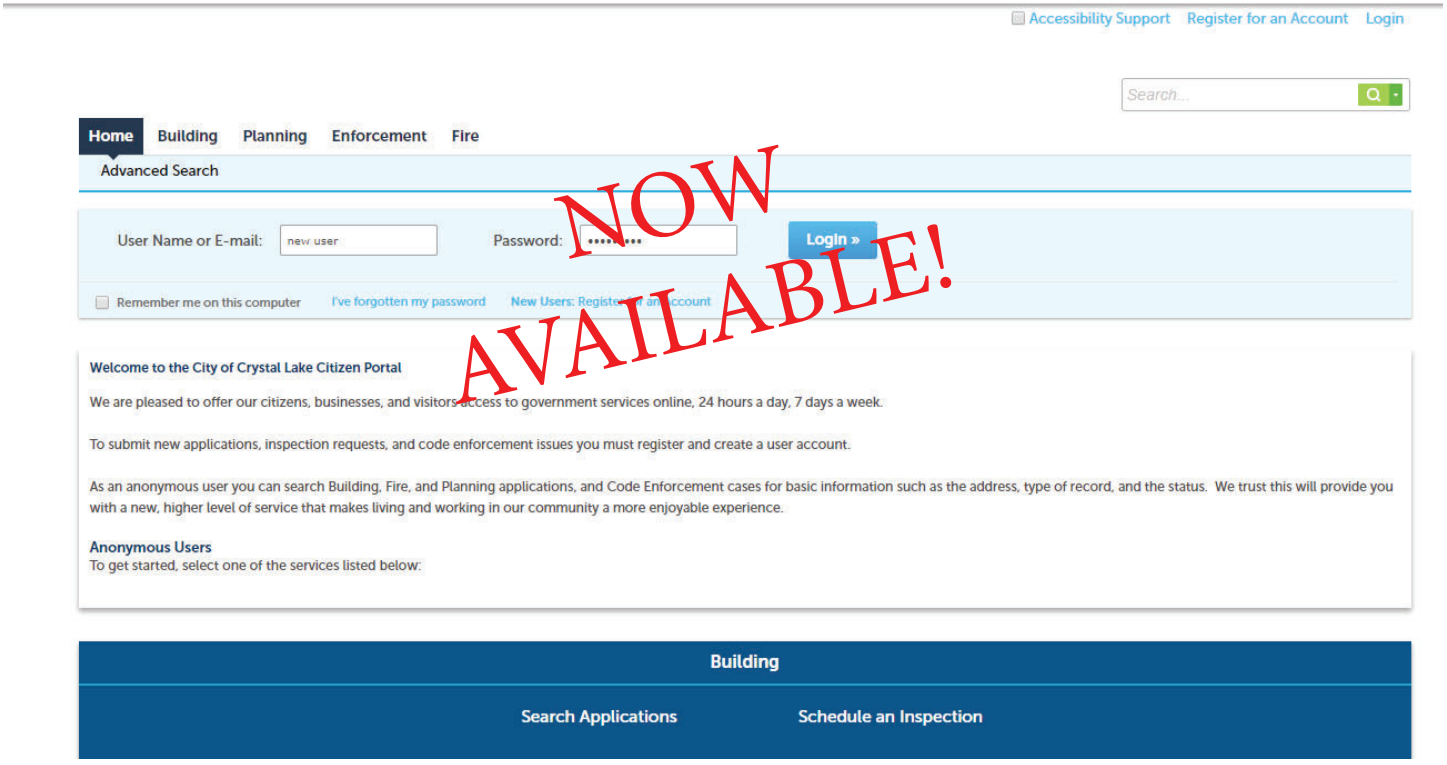
EZ APP SYSTEM

Did you hear? The City of Crystal Lake is now accepting online applications for building permits! Through the ez APP system on the City's website, you can apply for a building permit and check the status of your application. This system is your one-stop-shop – permits will be issued electronically, payments are accepted online and inspections can be requested, too!



The City is proud to offer an online building permit process that is streamlined and convenient for applicants, increases transparency and reduces the amount of paper waste.

To apply for a building permit: visit the City's website, click "How Do I?" and select building permit.



HOP ON THE TROLLEY SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

Every year, the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission creates a new trolley tour highlighting local history. On Sunday, June 9, 2019, the trolley will travel along Caroline Street and Walkup Avenue. The tour will highlight the historic details of some beautiful homes as well as personal stories about their owners, builders, and the community.

Timed, round-trip tickets will be available starting May 1, 2019 at Heisler's Bootery, located at 50 N. Williams Street. Tickets are $12 each pre-sale. On the day of the tour, any remaining tickets will be available for $15 at the ticket booth in front of City Hall. Ticket holders receive a keepsake tour book with articles and vintage photographs. Tours board in front of City Hall from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This is a sell-out event! Purchase tickets early so you don't get left behind! Questions? Call (815) 356-3738.

FARMERS MARKET

The Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market is open every Saturday, beginning June 1st from 8AM to 1PM in Depot Park (Woodstock & Williams Streets). The Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market offers a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, baked goods, jams, eggs, meat, and more!

As a reminder to Farmers Market and Downtown Crystal Lake customers, free public parking is available weekends and evenings in all commuter parking lots.

Additional information about the Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market is available at: www.DowntownCL.org or (815) 479-0835.

CALENDAR
June 2019

Tuesday, June 4
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, June 5
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Tuesday, June 18
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, June 19
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Thursday, July 4, 2019
- City offices closed for Independence Day

Sunday, July 7, 2019
- Independence Day Parade, 1:00 p.m. (Kick-Off at City Hall)

Sunday, July 7, 2019
- Independence Day Fireworks, Dusk, Crystal Lake Main Beach

DON'T MISS THE BEST 5K OF THE SUMMER!

Come out on Sunday June 30, 2019 at 7:30am, for the 6th annual McHenry County Patriot Run. Run for a great cause, the Veterans! All proceeds raised go to our local heroes through non-profit agencies. The course starts at MCC going out through the countryside, running along the conservation bike trail, finishing back at MCC. NEW THIS YEAR, 5 MILE COURSE!! Don't worry, for those who prefer the shorter distance, we still have the 1 mile course and the 5k course. For info or to register go to mchenrycountypatriotrun.org.



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