City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



27TH ANNUAL JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

The legend of Johnny Appleseed has been alive in Downtown Crystal Lake for 27 years, and each year it keeps getting better and better! Thousands of families attend the festival to celebrate the season, the community and to enjoy a variety of apple-flavored delights.



Start the day off right! Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting an early morning Pancake Breakfast (8AM to 10:30AM) to benefit their youth group. The Festival begins at 9 AM in Downtown Crystal Lake, and there you can enjoy activities including a Petting Zoo, Apple Ride, Wagon Rides, Mini Ferris Wheel, Pony Rides, Children's Games, Pumpkin Train, Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Bounce House, and Giant Slide! Stop by the Craft Fair in the Depot Parking Lot (new location!) and pick up some beautiful and unique hand-crafted items. The Farmers Market will also be located in the Depot Parking Lot. The Crystal Lake Historical Society will setup and demonstrate its Antique Apple Cider Press, and bakers are encouraged to enter the Apple Pie Baking Contest. The Crystal Lake Public Library will be offering storytelling library card sign up and tech demonstrations in front of the Raue Center.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Day of Service and Remembrance (Patriot Day)



September 11th is a day that will forever evoke memories of an unimaginable event. Thousands of civilians and first responders lost their lives in the act of terror that occurred on this date in 2001. We hold all victims of this tragedy close to our hearts as we come together as a nation to display unity and bravery.

Let us never forget.

Coffee with the Chief

This segment of Coffee with the Chief, *What To Do During A Traffic Stop*, will be presented by Chief Black. The Department encourages new and experienced drivers to attend this seminar which will be held on Tuesday, September 11th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Crystal Lake Police Department, 100. W Woodstock Street. Seating is limited, please R.S.V.P to Officer Sal Alfano at (815) 444-5956 or by email at salfano@crystallake.org

Child Passenger Safety

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, three out of four car seats are not used or installed correctly. By educating yourself, you can learn which car seat is the correct fit for your child. By using the correct car seat, you can reduce the risk of child injury or death during a traffic crash by 71 percent.

Be sure to purchase the correct car seat. If your child is between 5 and 40 pounds, you should purchase a rear-facing car seat. A forward-facing car seat may be used after the age of 2 and when the child outgrows the rear-facing car seat by height or weight. A booster seat is appropriate once your child has outgrown the forward-facing seat with a harness. The booster seat raises your child so the adult lap belt fits and the shoulder belt fits flat over the chest.

Be sure to attend a car seat check event. Contact Safe Kids McHenry County at safekidsmchenrycounty@gmail.com for further details or visit safekids.org

New Distracted Driving Law Effective July 1, 2019

We have all seen it, that person talking, texting, or being generally distracted by their cellphone while driving on the roadway.

Effective July 1, 2019, a new law took effect in Illinois regarding distracted driving. The new law increases the financial penalty for a distracted driving violation on your driving record or a moving violation. In Illinois, if you are convicted of three moving violations within a 12-month period, the Secretary of State can suspend your license.

Some misconceptions about the new law are that you can hold your phone away from your ear while talking on the speaker and holding your phone while stopped at a stop light. Both examples are a violation of the distracted driving law. **This means that you cannot have your phone in your hand at any point while driving on the roadway.**

Some exceptions to the distracted driving laws are using your phone to report an emergency situation, using your phone while on the shoulder of a roadway, and/or using a cellphone by pressing a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication. You can view further details in the Illinois Compiled Statutes Sec. 12-610.2. Electronic communication devices. Contact Officer Sal Alfano at (815) 444-5956 or by email at salfano@crystallake.org with any questions regarding the law.

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Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

DORMITORY AND APARTMENT FIRE SAFETY

Its back to college time, and September is also Campus Fire Safety Month. This is a great opportunity to share some safety tips for college students living on or off campus.

- Make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm as well as each living area.
- Test all smoke alarms monthly.
- Never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if there were an actual fire.
- Always know two ways out of every room.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Check your school's rules about which appliances you can and cannot use in your dorm room.
- Never leave candles unattended; blow candles out when you leave the room or go to sleep.
- If your smoke alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.

Source: www.nfpa.org



FALL PREVENTION AWARENESS

September is Fall Prevention Awareness Month. Below are some statistics that may surprise you:

- Falls are the leading cause of death to adults over age 65.
- Falls make up 40% of all nursing home admissions.
- An older adult is treated in the emergency room for a fall every 11 seconds.
- Falls are the number one cause of home injury deaths; costing more than 20,000 lives each year.
- Nearly half of seniors who sustain a fall do NOT resume independent living.

Here are some tips to help reduce fall risks:

- Clean up clutter and keep pathways clear.
- Keep cords concealed to reduce tripping hazards
- Install handrails in the bathroom, shower, and stairways for additional support.
- Make sure there is no loose carpeting/rugs in the home or on stairs.
- Use good lighting throughout the home.

Resources: www.agesafeamerica.com and www.dailycaring.com

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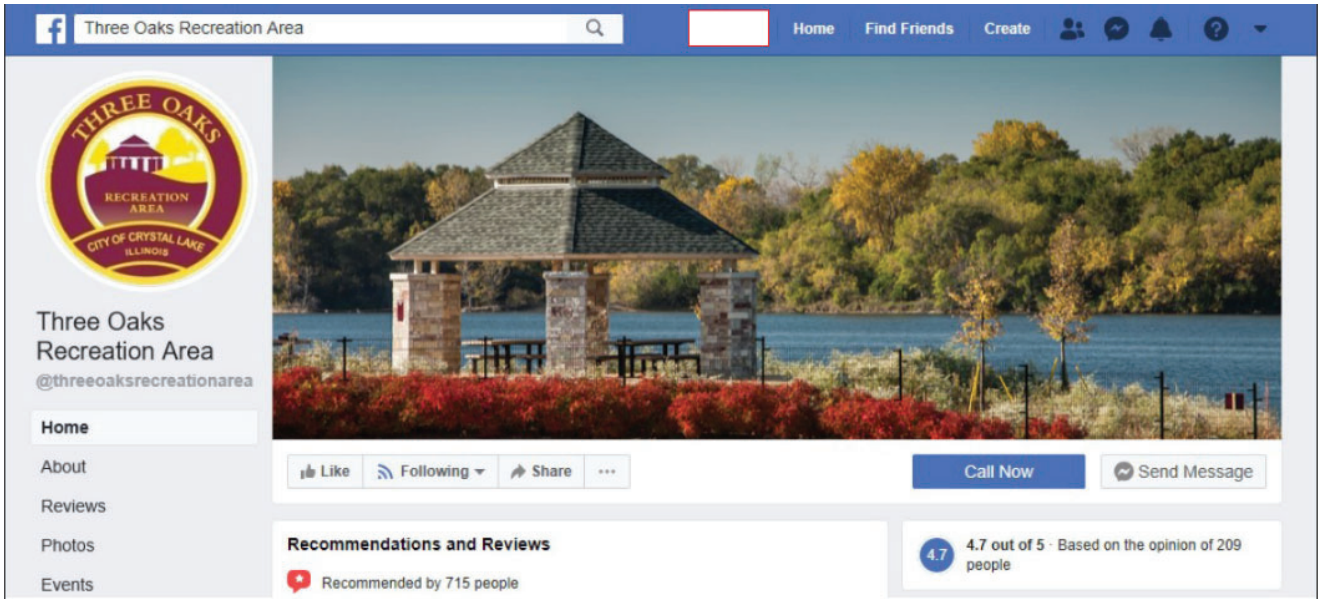
THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

The Lake House Patio is available to rent on the Three Oaks Pavilion Rental Portal. Please visit www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation to book your next event. The pavilion rental portal will open on January 2, 2020 to allow rentals for the 2020 season.



Photo Credit: Elijah Wedwick

Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter! Three Oaks will post important information about the park on Facebook, including hours of operation, special events, and weather closures. Guests can also interact with Three Oaks on Facebook by sending pictures of their experiences at the park and asking general questions. Please send in your fall pictures with the changing colors of the leaves for a chance to have your submission included in the next City newsletter!



Park Hours:

Open daily 6:30 a.m. to sunset.

Swim Beach Hours:

Labor Day Weekend
August 31st - September 2nd: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The beach will be closed for the season on Monday, September 2nd at sunset. All guests must be out of the water by 7:00 p.m.

Boat Rental Marina:

Labor Day weekend, August 31st – September 2nd: 6:30 a.m. – sunset.
Weekdays, September 3rd – October 7th: 3:30 p.m. – sunset.
Weekends, September 3rd – October 7th: 6:30 a.m. – sunset.
The marina will be closed for the season on October 7th at sunset.

5517 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
www.crystallake.org/threeoaksrecreation.com
Information Line: (815) 356-2447
Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333
threeoaks@crystallake.org

Follow Three Oaks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

CURBSIDE ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT: WEEK OF 9-13, 2019

Prairieland Disposal will be conducting curbside electronics collection during the week of September 9-13, 2019. 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.

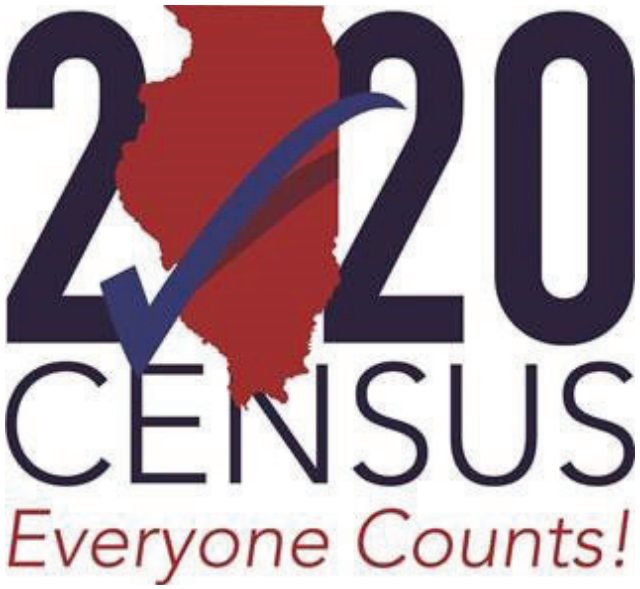
The following table details which items may and may not be set out for electronics collection:

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.

2020 CENSUS – NEIGHBORHOOD ADDRESS CANVASSING

Once a decade, a census is taken as mandated by the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of ensuring fair representation and distribution of resources. The next upcoming Census Day is April 1, 2020. In preparation for the upcoming 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau's staff started conducting neighborhood address canvassing in early August and this will continue through October 18, 2019. Census staff are verifying physical addresses to ensure that their address database is complete. Canvassers will always have an official government badge with photo ID, an official bag and an official laptop with the 2020 census logo. To find out more about the U.S. Census Bureau's Address Canvassing Operations, please visit their website at https://2020census.gov/en/census-takers.html. If you have questions regarding these operations, please contact the Chicago Regional Census Center directly at (312) 579-1500.



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.

When does yard waste collection occur?
Prairieland Disposal collects yard waste from April 1st through November 30th. 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.



BY DIANA KENNEY

A CENTENNIAL SALUTE

Congratulations to the William Chandler Peterson American Legion Post #171 on their 100 year anniversary!

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. The primary focus was on recent WWI veterans, who desired the camaraderie of fellow veterans for continued fellowship and service to their country. Membership quickly grew to over 1 million members, as thousands of local posts were formed nationwide.

In early September 1919, numerous Crystal Lake men who had served in WWI met at the Commercial Club rooms (Old Towne Hall, above Heisler's Bootery) to organize a local American Legion post. The enthusiastic group elected Dr. H.D. Hull as chairman, and Elton Huffman as Secretary. The name selected for the post was the William Chandler Peterson Post, in honor of Crystal Lake's Lt. Peterson, who gave his life with the Marines at Chateau Thierry, France.

Those who applied to be charter members of the Post included: Harry D. Hull, Arvid Berg, Walkinshaw C. Marshall, Emil B. Johnson, Oscar A. Pearson, Harry A. Dean Jr., Carl H. Landgren, Fred B. Morgan, William Metropulos, Actor Larsen, Elton T. Huffman, Arthur W. Oehmke, Walter H. McCollum, Gordon L. Lowell, John F. Bjorklund, Grant E. McCollum, Roy S. Schneider, Carl Jurs, Peter G. Metropulos, Frank Brockrogge, Charles S. Pingry, George Harrison, James D. Howell, Lyle V. Rogers, Leighton C. Meyer, Lee H. Works, Milton F. Peterson, Fred E. Rose, Guy D. Knapp, Fredolph Lungren, and Charles Lungren.

During the first few years of its organization, the National Headquarters of the American Legion focused in obtaining better hospitalization and rehabilitation for veterans who were injured in service. The National Headquarters relied on the local posts for support in this effort.

The William Chandler Peterson Post was up for the challenge, and set about increasing their membership and raising funds for the organization. By January 1920, the Post had grown to 45 active members. These members elected a full slate of officers and organized themselves into committtees. While the membership committee set about signing up more veterans, the fundraising committee began planning for their first event, an American Legion Dance, to be held on February 23, 1920.

The February 26, 1920 issue of the Crystal Lake Herald describes the dance as follows: "The hall was attractively decorated with flags. To music furnished by Goodwin's saxophone orchestra, more than a hundred couples danced the hours away until the early morning, while many more spectators looked on at the gay scene. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, apple pie, ice cream cones and lemonade were on sale, and contributed their share to the good time. The post cleared about $110 from this event."

Beginning in May 1920, and continuing today, the William Chandler Peterson Post #171 has organized the Memorial Day Parade and Service at Union Cemetery. The Post has also been active by:

- Donating land for the public library
- Donating flagpoles and flags at community parks
- Teaching flag etiquette to scouts and other groups
- Sponsoring local baseball teams and drum-and-bugle corps
- Overseeing the placement of flags on veterans' graves in Crystal Lake Cemeteries each Memorial Day
- Providing proper disposal of American flags
- Providing programs for hospitalized veterans
- Awarding scholarships to local high school students
- Providing major funding to the Civil War Soldier Statue restoration



Over the past century, the William Chandler Peterson American Legion Post #171 has contributed greatly to our community. Join me, as we salute this outstanding organization of individuals who have not only served our country, but also continued their service to the community of Crystal Lake.

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LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE

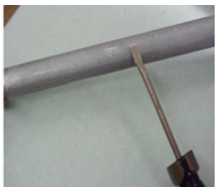
The City of Crystal Lake provides safe, high-quality drinking water, and monitors the drinking water daily for contaminants, including lead. The City follows all IEPA requirements, including sampling and testing for lead in predetermined households throughout the City.

Some homes in Crystal Lake have lead service lines. The installation of lead water service lines generally stopped in 1940's or early 1950's. Houses built after the 1960's will have copper water service lines. Copper water lines are copper in color and lead water lines are silver color. If you have a lead service line, the City has a program to help defray some of the costs in changing out the lead service line.

For residential properties only, if a homeowner replaces the portion of the service line from the house to shut off valve (usually located in the parkway), the city will replace (at no cost to the homeowner) the remaining section of the service line (from the shut off valve to the watermain (typically located in the street under the pavement).

To determine what material your water service line is entering your home:

- Visit www.crystallake.org and type "lead Q&A" into the search bar, and then click the first item in the search returns.
- Contact Public Works at 815-356-3614. A staff member will come to your home to identify which type of service line material is entering your home.



Galvanized Service Line: Dull gray/silver color and a magnet will stick to it.



Lead Service Line: Silver/dull gray color and a magnet will not stick to it.

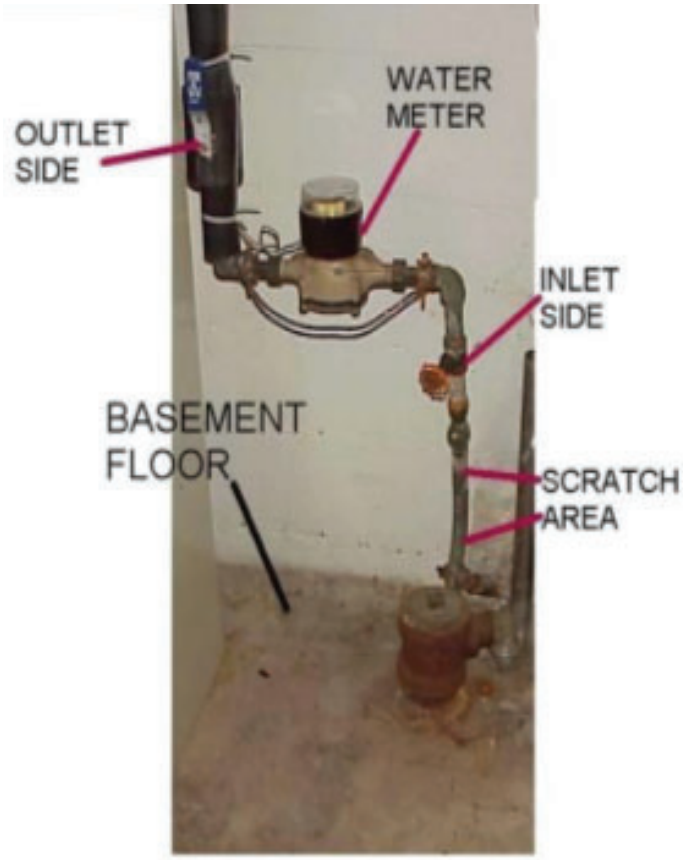


Copper Service Line: Copper color like a penny and a magnet will not stick to it.

How does lead get into the drinking water supply?

Lead primarily enters into drinking water through plumbing materials located between the water main in the street and up to and including fixtures inside of a house. There are three primary sources that could leach lead into the drinking water:

1. Lead Service Lines - A service line is the pipe that connects your house to the water main in the street. Some service lines that run from older homes (usually those built before 1950) to the utility water main are made from lead.
2. Lead solder - Solder used to fuse copper pipes together prior to 1986 typically contained lead.
3. Faucets and fixtures - Lead can also corrode from metal faucets and fixtures made from brass, an alloy of copper and zinc that can contain lead impurities, including chrome-plated brass fixtures. Therefore, a home with no copper or lead pipe may still have elevated lead levels due to brass fixtures. Plumbing fixtures with a lead content of less than 8% used to be legally defined as "lead free" but since 2014, "lead free" refers to fixtures with a lead content of 0.25% or less.



REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

What can I do to limit my exposure to lead in drinking water?

1. Before using water for drinking or cooking, flush the cold water faucet by allowing the water to run until the water has become as cold as possible (usually 2-3 minutes). Do this for any faucet used for drinking or cooking.
2. Use only cold water for consumption such as drinking and cooking. Hot water is more likely to cause lead leaching into the drinking water.
3. Periodically remove any debris from faucet aerators to clear any particles of lead that may become trapped in the aerator.
4. If your water service line or fixtures contain lead, you may want to consider purchasing a water filter. The location of the water filter will need to be after the fixtures containing lead. Read the package to be sure the filter is certified to remove "total lead", or contact NSF International at 800-NSF-8010 or www.nsf.org for information on performance standards for water filters.

What does Crystal Lake do to control elevated lead levels?

The City of Crystal Lake follows all IEPA requirements including sampling and testing for lead in predetermined households throughout the City.

The City of Crystal Lake's water treatment process includes a corrosion inhibitor which forms a protective layer to reduce the potential of lead leaching from plumbing materials into the drinking water. Daily water samples are analyzed to ensure this treatment is optimized for corrosion control.

How can I test my water for lead?

If you would like to test your water for lead, please contact an Illinois EPA certified lab. The typical cost for a lead analysis is about $30-$50. The Illinois EPA maintains a list of environmental labs accredited to perform water testing including lead:

http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/certification-training/lab-accreditation/accredited-labs/index

Information for testing your water for lead is also available by calling EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

What are the health effects of lead and where can I find additional information about lead?:

EPA's Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water:
https://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water#regs

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention information on lead and health:
http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/tips/water.htm

EPA and lead poisoning:
http://www.epa.gov/lead

EPA National Lead Information Center:
http://www.epa.gov/lead/forms/lead-hotline-national-lead-information-center

Please contact the Crystal Lake Public Works Department if you have any additional questions at (815) 356-3614.

Water Quality Report

Crystal Lake Annual Water Quality Report is available at:
Informe anual de calidad del agua de la ciudad 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.

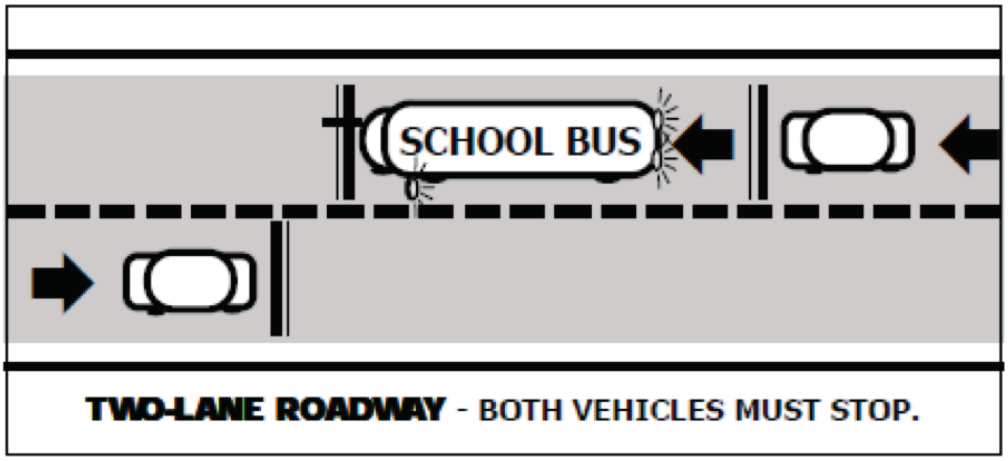
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REMINDER

This is an important reminder that school is in session, and school buses are still hard at work transporting kids to and from school. Please be careful around bus stops. The riskiest part of the ride is the bus stop!

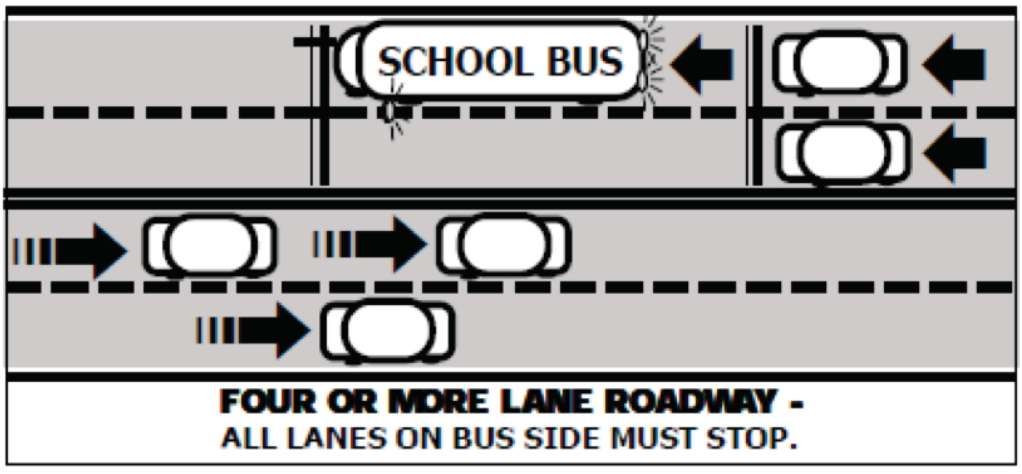


- Most children killed in bus-related accidents are either getting on or off the bus. They are killed by the school bus or by motorists illegally passing a stopped bus.
- When driving through neighborhoods, be aware of school buses and take caution when you see one. The bus will stop at some point, and children exiting or boarding the school bus may be crossing the street.

When a school bus is traveling on a two-lane street and is stopped to pick up or drop off children, the vehicles in all lanes must stop. All vehicles must remain stopped until the bus' stop arm is fully retracted and its warning lights stop blinking. Vehicles should stop at least 20 feet away from the bus to allow children to cross the street safely.



When a school bus is on a four-lane road with at least two lanes traveling the opposite direction, only those lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop. School bus routes are designed so that children will not be required to cross four or more lanes of traffic to reach their residence.



Please use caution and drive carefully when you see a bus or when you see children at a bus stop.

27TH ANNUAL JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

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Watch for the giant stilt-walking, juggling scarecrow who will be roaming the festival and entertaining crowds all afternoon. Food vendors will be setup in Depot Park (offering a wide variety of delicious choices) with music by the Corner Boys playing in the Gazebo. Enjoy music and dance demonstrations throughout the day at Brink Street Market. Yep -- There's bushels of fun for everyone! Hours for the Festival are 9AM to 4PM.

Educator and historian, Steve McPhail, will once again portray Johnny Appleseed. Johnny will be walking among the festival guests sharing historic information about sowing apple seeds on the frontier to establish orchards throughout the Midwest.

You don't want to miss the Great Ball Race which will be held at 3PM on Brink Street. Thousands of colored, numbered balls are rolled down the hill on Brink (between Dalzell Jewelers and Goal Line Bar & Grill), with the fastest ball winning its owner $1,000!. Other prizes are also given. The Great Ball Race is super-exciting to watch and enjoy!

Downtown Crystal Lake Main Street is where Hip meets Historic with unique shops, restaurants, arts, culture and family friendly fun. For more information, maps and event calendar, visit www.DowntownCL.org.



NEW BUSINESSES

Freedom Fitness, 60 W. Terra Cotta Avenue
Get ahead of your New Year's resolutions. Freedom Fitness is a Veteran owned business that offers private and group workout and kickboxing classes to help you get started on building your best self!

Northwest Obedience Club, 110 Woodstock Street
Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks! Northwest Obedience offers a wide variety of puppy and dog obedience and agility training classes.

CALENDAR | September 2019

Monday, September 2
- City Offices Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (City Hall)

Wednesday, September 4
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 PM (City Hall)

Tuesday, September 17
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 PM (City Hall)

Wednesday, September 18
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 PM (City Hall)

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