City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



BUSINESS HAPPENINGS

CAMFIL NAMED 2019 MCHENRY COUNTY BUSINESS CHAMPION



Congratulations Camfil on being named the 2019 McHenry County Business Champion. Camfil is a world leader in air filtration products, and recently invested $13 million in their Crystal Lake facility located at 500 S. Main Street. The investment included a complete renovation of their existing facility, a 50,000 square-foot addition, and the expansion of six new product lines. Prior to Camfil's expansion, they were home to about 60 employees and within the next few years will employ over 180 individuals.

NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

Naturally Gifted
6500 Northwest Highway, Suite 2B
Naturally Gifted offers vocational enrichment and hands-on skills training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing them an opportunity to run a store with candles, soaps, lotions and other bath products that are all natural, organic, and made with therapeutic-grade essential oils that employees create.

Binny's Beverage Depot
5380 Northwest Highway
Binny's Beverage Depot, a regional liquor store with over 40 locations in Illinois, offering a great selection of cigars, wine, beer and spirits.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Happy New Year Crystal Lake!



The Crystal Lake Police Department would like to express our most sincere appreciation to the residents of the City of Crystal Lake. As we begin 2020, the Police Department promises to provide excellent police services by continuing to work together with businesses and residents. Together, we have kept the City of Crystal Lake a great place to live. We thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations Citizen Police Academy Graduates!

Congratulations to the Citizen Police Academy Class 19-01 for the successful completion of the Police Department's eleven week academy. The academy consisted of a series of classes, discussions, and demonstrations. Thank you for dedicating eleven weeks of your time to learn about the Crystal Lake Police Department and its service to the community. We look forward to continuing this partnership. The Department hosts its Citizen Police Academy each year in the fall. If you are interested in a future class, contact Officer Sal Alfano for additional information.



Shop with a Cop

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, several Crystal Lake police officers and law enforcement officers from surrounding agencies took part in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Shop with a Cop gives many underprivileged children from McHenry County a positive interaction with law enforcement officers by going Holiday Shopping. After shopping, children eat breakfast with the officers and Santa!

Thank you to all sponsors, volunteers, and officers for helping make a child's Holiday merrier.



Officer Sal Alfano - (815) 444-5956 or by email at salfano@crystallake.org

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

Winter & Spring Events at the Quarry

As we look back on 2019 we are beyond grateful for the Quarry guests who supported us throughout the park.

Winter/Spring Pop up Shops at the Quarry

This year the Quarry is introducing Pop up Shops one weekend per month with live music, food and beverages. This is one way to help beat the winter blues!

Pop up Shop weekends are:

January :	Friday 1/17 & Saturday 1/18
February:	Friday 2/21 & Saturday 2/22
March:	Friday 3/13 & Saturday 3/14
April:	Friday 4/17 & Saturday 4/18

Check the Quarry FB page and Quarry website for details! Please join us!

Website: thequarrycablepark.com

Event Space

Whether you're planning a birthday party, Anniversary celebration, graduation party, baby shower or Corporate event, the Quarry has indoor and outdoor event spaces available year-round. Please contact the Quarry (815) 345-0387 for ride@thequarrycablepark.com for event space information.

QUARRY CABLE PARK

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

STAY SAFE, STAY WARM

Did you know that half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February?

It is predicted that we will have a very cold and snowy winter this year. Below are some tips to help keep you safe during the long winter months.

HEATING SAFETY

- Keep anything flammable at least 3 feet from any heat source (furnace, fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc.)
- Keep children at least 3 feet from any heat source as well.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your heating equipment annually.
- Remember to turn off any portable heaters before going to sleep.
- Make sure fireplaces have sturdy screens to keep any sparks from flying into your home.

Source: ***www.nfpa.org***

WINTER STORM SAFETY

- Plan two ways out of your home in case of an emergency, and keep these exits clear of snow.
- Clear your driveway and front walkway of ice and snow to provide easy access to your home and keep you safe from slips or falls.
- Make sure your house number is clear of snow and can be seen from the street so emergency personnel can find you if need be.
- Keep fire hydrants shoveled and clear of snow in case of a fire.
- Stay aware of winter weather: watch the TV and listen to the radio for updates.
- Stay away from any downed wires and report them immediately.



2020 CENSUS

The next decennial census is just around the corner in 2020. Make sure you're counted! An accurate count means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need. And your responses are confidential. By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics. To learn how the U.S. Census Bureau protects your information, visit 2020census.gov.



BLUE STAR BANNER

On December 4, 2019, the Blue Star Banner Program was able to celebrate our military heroes at the Blue Star Banner Presentation Ceremony. The program recognizes and honors active duty Crystal Lake residents with a personalized banner hanging along a section of U.S. Route 14.

At the ceremony, each family or service member received his or her banner, a Certification of Appreciation from the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Crystal Lake, vehicle stickers, and a Blue Star Service Banner from the American Legion. It was an honor to have the opportunity to express our gratitude to those who serve our nation and preserve our freedom.

The Blue Star Banner Program is very grateful to the donors and sponsors for their donations to our program which honors Crystal Lake active duty members of the military. Without the support of community members we could not continue this program.

If you have an active duty military family member to nominate, or would like to become a sponsor of the program, forms for both may be obtained at http://bit.ly/2qp5prA.



THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours: Open daily 6:30 a.m. to Sunset year-round.

Join the Team!

Applications are being accepted to join us this upcoming 2020 season! Seasonal Lifeguard and Marina Attendant roles are available. For position details, visit the City of Crystal Lake Human Resources Employment page and complete an employment application today!

Lifeguards

Lifeguards provide a safe environment for customers using the beach and Lakehouse Complex at Three Oaks. Work involves a variety of tasks related to water and park safety, facility cleanliness, customer service and ensuring a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone using the beach.

Attendants

Attendants assist patrons at Three Oaks through duties related to the entrances at the parking gate and swim beach, supporting the scuba zone operations, and all boat rental aspects in the marina. Attendants will provide customer service through the process of collecting user fees, disseminating site-specific information, park readiness and cleanliness, and providing patrons with boat rental and safety protocol.

Online Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion Rental Reservations

The City is now taking reservations for the 2020 season. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to set your date and make your reservation very soon!

Reservations for 2020 open on Thursday, January 2nd, at 8:00 a.m. for in-person rentals only. The City will no longer accept cash or check payment, only credit card payments will be accepted for pavilion rentals. Beginning January 3rd, the City will start accepting reservations online at www.registration.threeoaksrecreation.com.

Amenities Surrounding Your Pavilion

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



Pavilion A:
Picnic Grove



Pavilion B:
Island Pavilion



Pavilion C:
Volleyball Court



Pavilion D:
North Lake Pavilion



Lakehouse Patio:
After Labor Day Only

5517 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
www.crystallake.org/three-oaks recreation
Information Line: (815) 356-2447
Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333

Follow the City of Crystal Lake and Three Oaks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

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.

Christmas Tree Collection

Prairieland Disposal will conduct Christmas tree collection from Monday, December 30, 2019 through Friday, January 17, 2020. Residents should have their Christmas tree on the curbside by 7:00 a.m. to be collected for composting. Trees will be collected throughout this time period, however, it is a special collection and may not occur on the residents' scheduled collection day.

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. 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.

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.



SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE POSITION VACANCIES

The Crystal Lake Sustainability Committee has openings for one vacant position. The Sustainability Committee focuses on environmentally friendly initiatives for the City of Crystal Lake and is currently accepting applications. Applicants must either be a Crystal Lake resident, or applicants must show proof of employment in the City of Crystal Lake. Those interested in applying to become a member of the Sustainability Committee can fill out an application located on the Crystal Lake website at www.crystallake.org.

Please submit completed applications to Nick Hammonds, Management Analyst, at City Hall, located at 100 W. Woodstock Street, or via email at nhammonds@crystallake.org. For questions or additional information regarding the Sustainability Committee, please call City Hall at (815) 356-3675.

REV. CAPT. ALFRED C. WALKUP

BY DIANA KENNEY

Alfred C. Walkup was a man on a mission. His life's mission was to promote Christianity to the natives of Micronesia, an area comprised of thousands of islands located in the Pacific Ocean northeast of Australia. His mission in life would eventually become his mission in death.

Alfred Christopher Walkup was born May 18, 1849 on his father's farm in Nunda Township. His father, John B. Walkup, owned a large parcel of land north of today's Route 176 including the area we now know as Veteran Acres Park. Alfred was the youngest of three children. At the time of his birth, the family lived in a simple dwelling situated approximately where the park playground is today. Several years later, John B. Walkup built a cobblestone house for his family. Walkup's house was completed in 1856, and still stands today on the west side of Walkup Road.



Unfortunately, shortly after the cobblestone house was completed, John B. Walkup passed away, leaving his wife Mary and three children: Leonidas (b. 1842), Evaline "Eva" (b. 1844), and Alfred. At the age of 14, Leonidas took over the running of the farm. Neither Leonidas or Eva married, and together they continued to manage the farm, support their mother, and send their younger brother Alfred off to college to answer his calling of becoming a minister.

Alfred first attended Hedding College in Abingdon, then Beloit College, and lastly the Congregational Theological Seminary of Chicago. He was ordained to the ministry in 1880 in Arvona, Kansas, where he served as a home missionary pastor. It was in Kansas that Alfred met and married Margaret Lavenia "Venie" Barr. Together, the couple chose to become missionaries and sail to Micronesia to spread the word of the Gospel.

Three children were born of this marriage: John Milton (1881), Eleanor Eva (1885) and Alfred William (1886). All were born in the south Pacific. In 1888, the unlikely death of 33-year old Venie Barr Walkup left Alfred with three motherless children to raise thousands of miles from his home.



The children were brought back to Nunda to live with their grandmother, aunt and uncle in the Walkup House. Alfred was called to continue his missionary duties and return to Micronesia. As the three children grew older, they divided their time with their father in Micronesia and their extended family in Nunda.

Missionaries of the region travelled by boat to reach the thousands of islands throughout Micronesia. By 1892, Rev. Alfred Walkup became captain of his own ship, the Hiram Bingham. This missionary vessel, with five crew members, set sail from San Francisco to Honolulu. From there, it made its way to the Gilbert Islands in Micronesia. The Hiram Bingham was 50' long, 14' wide and 6' deep. This two-masted schooner was powered with a ten-horsepower gasoline engine. Once in Micronesia, the small ship could easily travel from island to island.

For the next 17 years, Rev. Capt. Alfred C. Walkup devoted most of his time in Micronesia with occasional visits back home. While home, he would give talks about his travels on the other side of the world. The people of Nunda and Crystal Lake were captivated by his stereopticon images and fascinating stories of adventure.

In August 1909, Leonidas Walkup received a dispatch from Boston saying, "Rife just cables Bingham capsized. Captain Walkup lost. No particulars." A few weeks later, the details of Alfred's death were revealed.

Around May 4th, The Hiram Bingham was hit by an unexpected squall and capsized. Capt. Walkup and his crew of nine natives tried to right the ship but to no avail. One small boat broke loose from its lashings, and the crew luckily grabbed hold of it. Fifteen coconuts was all the food and drink they had been able to get into the boat before casting off from the sinking schooner. The little boat drifted for 21 days before being rescued. By then, Capt. Walkup was weak and delirious. Despite the care received from fellow missionaries, he died May 29, 1909. His mission was complete.

Capt. Rev. Alfred C. Walkup was buried on one of his beloved islands in Micronesia. A memorial service was held at the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake in October, 1909.

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.

TIPS FOR DIGGING SAFELY

As we ring in the New Year, it is a good opportunity to start planning for upcoming spring projects. Landscape improvements add beauty and value to your home. From modest designs to elaborate projects they enhance outdoor living space and can be a source of enjoyment. However before digging on your property, contacting JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) is required. Many utility services including electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications are buried under your yard. To avoid personal injury and damage to those underground lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before starting any digging projects. JULIE is a not for profit organization and calling for JULIE services is free to excavators and homeowners.

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

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

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

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

If you believe you may have hit an underground line, leave the area and immediately call 911. In addition, Illinois law requires the excavator to call JULIE and the owner of the damaged utility.

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

Call Before You Dig
JULIE
ILLINOIS ONE-CALL SYSTEM

CALENDAR | January 2020

Wednesday, January 1
- City Offices Closed for New Year's Day

January 1- January 17
- Christmas Tree Disposal

January 2
- Reservations Begin for Three Oaks Pavilions

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

Wednesday, January 15
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

Tuesday, January 21
- City Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. (City Hall)

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