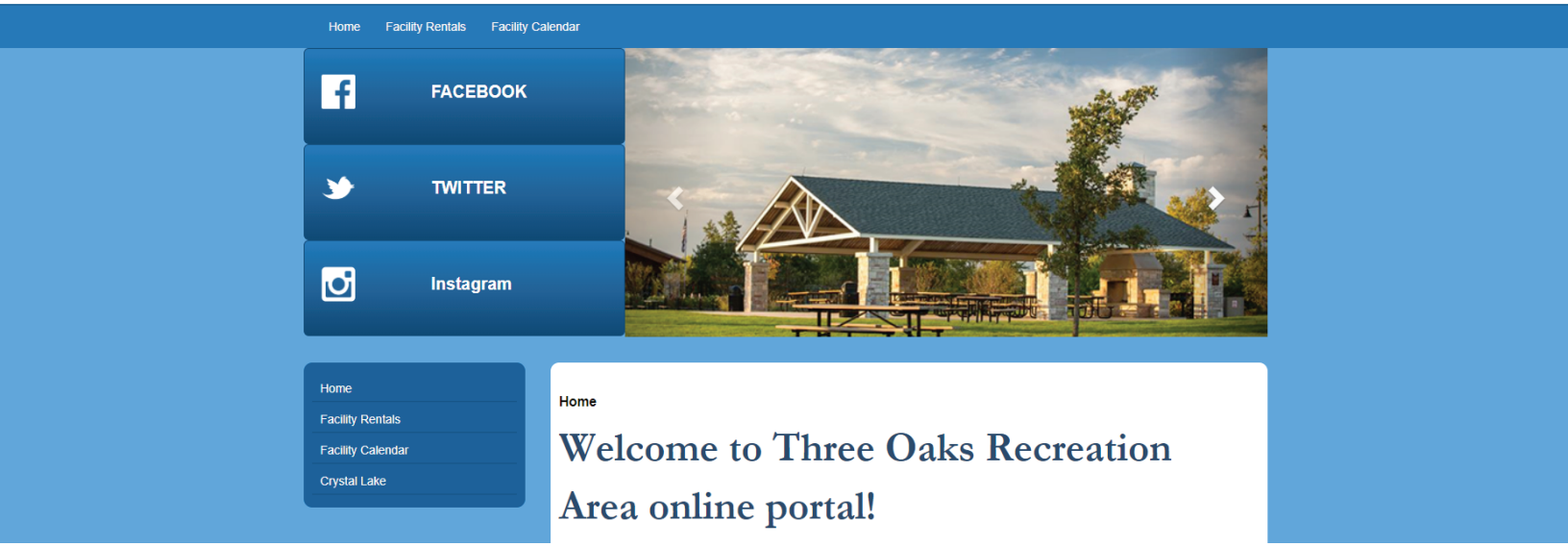
City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Online Pavilion Rentals

Pavilion Rental Reservations

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

Reservations can be made online at www.registration.threeoaksrecreation.com. A credit card will be needed for pavilion rental payment and deposit.. If you have questions regarding pavilion rentals, please call (815) 459-2020, ext. 4088.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

STAND UP to Bullying Day

International STAND UP to Bullying Day is the 3rd Friday in February and November. Schools around the world are pledging to take a non-confrontational stance against bullying by wearing pink pledge shirts.

In 2007, a student was bullied for wearing a pink colored t-shirt to school. Travis Price and David Shepherd observed the student being bullied and decided to take action. They did so by distributing pink t-shirts throughout their school to create a movement that would soon be recognized by the United Nations and declared Anti-Bullying Day.

Super Bowl Sunday



The 54th National Football League's Super Bowl will take place on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Whether you choose to watch the game at home or at a local establishment, be sure to make good decisions.

The Crystal Lake Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies, will be participating in a state-wide traffic enforcement campaign sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to encourage everyone to drink responsibly and avoid getting behind the wheel of a vehicle if you have consumed any alcohol.

If you see someone getting into a vehicle who appears impaired, please do not hesitate to dial 911, you may save a life.

It's IRS Scam Season!

A new version of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) scam is here.

Scammers will tell you that they have the ability to suspend or cancel your social security number. This is a way for a scammer to get you to not only return their "robocall" but also tell you about overdue or unpaid taxes.

If you want to confirm with the IRS, you can call them at (800) 829-1040. You may also visit IRS.gov to view your tax information and see the actual amount that is owed. This way you can review your payment options.

Never provide sensitive information over the phone unless you are certain you are speaking with a legitimate caller.

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

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

2020 CENSUS: MAKE SURE YOU ARE COUNTED

What matters to you? Schools? Transportation? Hospitals?
Data from the U.S. Census Bureau help inform planning efforts for all these important community resources.
To learn how census data impact you and your community, visit 2020census.gov. #2020Census



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Keep yourself aware by knowing the symptoms of Heart Attack and Stroke:

Heart Attack Symptoms



- Chest Discomfort: Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or that may go away and return. The pain can feel like an uncomfortable pressure or squeezing pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of upper body: Another symptom may be pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath may occur with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs include possible cold sweats, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Stroke Symptoms



- Face Drooping: Ask the person to smile; a face that is numb or drooping on one side may be a sign of stroke.
- Arm weakness: If one arm is weak or numb and drifts downward upon lifting both arms.
- Speech Difficulty: Slurred speech or inability to speak may indicate stroke. Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence such as "the sky is blue" and see if they repeat it correctly.
- Time to call 9-1-1: If a person shows any of the symptoms above, even if the symptoms go away, dial 9-1-1 and get them to a hospital immediately.

Source: www.heart.org

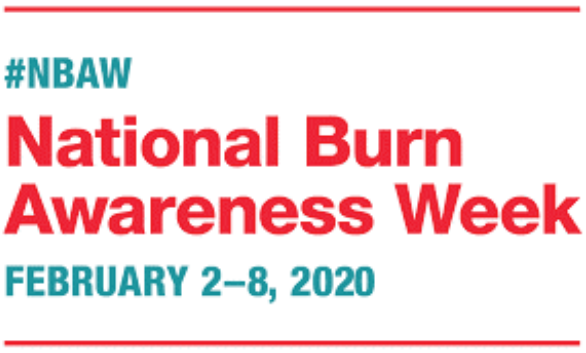
NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

Roughly 70,000 people went to the emergency department in 2018 because of contact burns. About one-third of those patients were under the age of five.

Below are some helpful tips to prevent contact burns:

- Always supervise children around hot objects.
- Stand at least 3 feet away from hot outdoor objects and keep area clear of any tripping hazards.
- Wear shoes when walking on hot pavement or sand, and keep pets off hot pavement as well.
- Turn off heating pads and blankets before going to sleep.
- Use hot pads when cooking. Long oven mitts are best for ovens/grills. Assume all pots and pans are hot.
- Limit microwave use by children and treat microwaved items as if they came from the oven.
- Unplug hot tools when not in use and keep out of reach of children. Always assume tools are still hot.

Source: www.ameriburn.org



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 positions are still available. For position details, visit the City of Crystal Lake Human Resources Employment page and complete an employment application today!

Lifeguards provide a safe environment for customers using the beach 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.

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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 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!

THE HOUSE AT THE CORNER

BY DIANA KENNEY

The "House at the Corner" of North Williams Street and Crystal Lake Avenue has been protected by majestic trees its entire life. Early photos of Williams Street show trees marching up the parkway in front of the house. Today, our community's 40-foot Christmas Tree stands guard at the corner of the property.



"The House at the Corner" – ca 1910

But what about the house itself? Is it significant? Absolutely! The house was built circa 1901 by Emma Benthusen. Emma was recently divorced from her famous husband, Detective Lafayette Benthusen. According to the divorce papers filed in McHenry County, Emma was a bit of a detective herself, discovering her husband had been seeing another woman. Proceeds from the divorce settlement enabled Emma to build this beautiful house.



Nunda Herald, April 9, 1903

Local architect, Brice Alt, provides this description: "This Queen Anne revival style duplex has proudly stood at the corner of Williams and Crystal Lake Avenue for well over a hundred years. The two streets pivot around this home's monumental three-story tower which is topped with brackets and a witch's hat roof. The tower's roof once included a decorative band of shingle work and was topped by a finial that could have doubled as a lightning rod. Today simple white siding wraps the home from top to bottom, but originally there was a mixture of color and texture rising from the stone foundation, to clapboards, to decorative scalloped and diamond patterned wood shingles on the gables. The roof peaks and open porches were once dripping with delicate wood ornamentation referred to as gingerbread. Truly this is a prominent house designed to make an impact and be a landmark."

Perhaps living in the same town with her ex-husband was too much for Emma Benthusen. She sold the house in 1903 to Dr. Harry Hull before moving to Wilmette. Dr. Hull moved his family into the second floor apartment and set the first floor up as his medical office.

Respected and trusted for his strong medical skills, Dr. Hull was well-known and loved by the entire community. While his charming ways provided a good bedside manner, his medical skills saved many a life in the early days of Crystal Lake. Dr. Hull was not only prominent in his profession, but in political, social and business circles as well. He served as president for the Village of North Crystal Lake for two years. During World War I, he volunteered for the Medical Corps. After the War, he helped to establish the local American Legion Post, serving as its first commander.

After Dr. Hull's unexpected death in 1926, Dr. A.V. Lindberg purchased the "House at the Corner". Like the Hull family, the Lindbergs lived upstairs, while the doctor's office occupied the first floor. Generations of Crystal Lake residents visited these two doctors at the first-floor medical office of the house. Dr. Hull and Dr. Lindberg were both well-known and well-loved by our community. If walls could talk, medical stories of cures, conditions, and comfort could be told.

And, like the trees that have protected the "House at the Corner" our community must protect our historic architectural assets, keeping them safe for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

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.

NEW BUSINESSES

NEW RESTAURANT NOW OPEN

Mookie's Steak & Seafood

Now open at 446 W. Virginia Street Tuesday through Sunday, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come enjoy the retro-modern restaurant with upscale dining options and a great selection of signature cocktails, fresh fish and steaks served flamed tableside.

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NEW RESTAURANTS COMING SOON

Vine and Plate

Opening at 414 W. Virginia Street in early 2020, Vine and Plate will offer a wide range of American tapas.

Jude's

Located across from the Raue Center of the Arts in downtown Crystal Lake at 19 N. Williams Street, Jude's is the perfect spot for a night out! Enjoy unique small plates paired with fine wines which will be available for purchase and specialty cocktails in an elegant and trendy setting.

CURBSIDE ELECTRONICS COLLECTION EVENT: WEEK OF MARCH 9-13, 2020

Prairieland Disposal will be conducting curbside electronics collection during the week of March 9 - 13, 2020. 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. Prairieland Disposal will conduct an additional electronics collection during the week of September 14 - 18, 2020. Last year, 49,000 pounds of electronics were collected as part of the program.

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.

ONLINE SERVICES

Did you know the City of Crystal Lake offers online services, including utility bill payments and applications for building permits and other licenses, including liquor, raffles, tobacco and more.

Utility Billing:
Visit http://bit.ly/39VwPY3 to register for online utility bill payments.

Building Permit Applications:
Visit http://bit.ly/2FCz7gY to apply for building permits using ezAPP.

Other License Applications:
Visit http://bit.ly/2N9rH9a to apply to liquor licenses, raffle, tobacco, ice cream and mechanical amusement licenses using Citizen Serve.

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CALENDAR | February 2020

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

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

Monday, February 17
- City Offices Closed for Presidents' Day

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

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



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