City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER






NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS BACK: THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that is held throughout the United States on the first Tuesday of August. In partnership with the community, local police promote a safer environment for everyone.

This year, National Night Out 2021 will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021. Watch the Crystal Lake Police Department's Facebook page for more details about this free family event!

Enjoy fun events such as:

- K-9 demo
- Free bicycle helmet sizing and give away (while supplies last)
- Balloon twisting artist
- Touch-a-Truck display and More!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

While we celebrate the festivities surrounding the Fourth of July, we encourage everyone to do their due diligence and designate a sober driver. Friends don't let friends drive drunk.

Additional Crystal Lake officers will be participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Traffic Enforcement Campaign during the holiday weekend.



CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) offers the following crime prevention tips that can help prevent crime at home.

- Consider installing motion-sensored lighting that will come on if someone is walking around your yard. Outside doors should have a motion-sensored, bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
- All entryways should have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed so that you can see into your yard and neighbors can see your house.
- Look into an alarm system. A basic system can be purchased for less than $100, plus a monthly monitoring fee.
- Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
- House numbers should be clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.
- Set at least two light timers to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence when away from home for an extended time period.
- Make sure sliding glass doors have strong, working key locks. A dowel or a pin can be installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track. Lock the sliding door at night and when leaving the house.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries or make arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up when going away from home for a period of time.

Source: www.ncpc.org

BE ON ALERT FOR HOME REPAIR SCAMS

In the spring and summer months, Crystal Lake and neighboring communities experience more "ruse" type residential burglaries. A "ruse" burglary is considered a crime of deception often involving people posing as workers, repairmen, city employees or other type of service employee (seal coating/roofing), sometimes wearing a reflective orange vest. These individuals distract homeowners (often senior citizens) while several other people enter the home and search for cash and jewelry to steal. In the most recent case, the individual claimed to work for a seal coating company and needed access to the residents' home for water.

You should always ask to see identification before allowing anyone access to your residence especially if you did not make an appointment with that company and this is an unplanned visit. All City employees carry identification. We also encourage all residents to contact the utility company or department they represent to confirm the information they are providing. If you suspect this is a ruse, contact the police immediately. Even if you turn them away, we ask you contact us, as they will prey on your neighbors.

These types of crimes typically target the elderly. Please share with your neighbors, friends and family and help us get the word out about these crimes. This is again, not specific to Crystal Lake and occurs throughout the region. As always, if you see something say something, now!

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

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

FIREWORK SAFETY

Many events in the summer, especially July, are made more exciting with the use of fireworks. As beautiful as these displays can be, they should only be put on by experts. Below are some facts about fireworks to advise you of common dangers and keep you and your family safe.

- Thousands of burns and eye injuries are caused annually by fireworks.
- On average, 18,500 of reported fires each year are the result of fireworks.
- One quarter of emergency room visits from firework injuries are caused by sparklers.
- Sparklers alone can cause third degree burns.
- Water boils at 212°, cakes bake at 350°, wood burns at 575°, glass melts at 900°, and sparklers burn at 1200°!



FIRST AID FOR BURNS:

- Place the burn under cold water for three to five minutes.
- Cover the affected area with a clean, dry cloth.
- If the burn is larger than your palm, see your doctor as soon as possible.

HOME POOL & HOT TUB SAFETY

Did you know that 69 percent of young children who drown were not expected to be in or near water.

Here are some tips to help reduce drowning risks:

- Secure your pool with appropriate fences, gates, and barriers
- Designate a "water watcher" that remains within an arm's reach of young children
- Install proper drain covers and safety release systems to prevent drain entrapment
- If a child is missing, check the water first
- Establish and enforce rules and safe behaviors
- Ensure every member of your family learns to swim
- Know what to do in a water emergency



INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Independence Day Festivities

Kicking off the Independence Day festivities will be the Annual Lakeside Festival, held on the grounds of the historic Dole Mansion from Thursday, July 1st through Sunday, July 4th. The Festival features live music, food booths, midway games, carnival rides and fun family atmosphere. The event is made possible thanks in large part to many hardworking volunteers and sponsors, and it is the largest fundraiser for Lakeside Legacy Foundation's year-round programs and events.

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 4th at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall following its traditional 1.8 mile route from City Hall (100 W. Woodstock Street), continuing down Dole Avenue and finishing at the Lakeside Festival Grounds.

The festivities will conclude with the City of Crystal Lake sponsored 2021 fireworks show on Sunday, July 4th. 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.

Lakeside Festival Schedule

Thursday, July 1st	3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday, July 2nd	Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 3rd	Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 4th	Noon to 10:00 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.thedole.org or call (815) 455-8000.

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Three Oaks Recreation Area staff is excited for the 2021 season! We hope park guests enjoy all the amenities the park has to offer this year. For your information, the Marina and Swim Beach will follow all guidelines from federal and state health agencies, including the Illinois Department of Public Health and the McHenry County Health Department. Any changes or updates will be posted on the Three Oaks Recreation Area website and Facebook page.

Marina

- The Marina is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to sunset, weather permitting.
- We have our full fleet of boats available at the Marina building, including kayaks, canoes, paddle boats and fishing boats.

Swim Beach

The Swim Beach is open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily (weather permitting) through July 31, 2021, and from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. beginning August 1, 2021.

Scuba Zone

The Scuba Zone is open daily from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Scuba divers must complete a waiver form at the Marina before diving.

2021 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Boat rentals are first come, first served. Advanced registration will not be taken.
- Watercraft other than those provided at the Marina are not allowed. This is to protect against any invasive species.
- Dogs are allowed on walking trails only and must be on a leash.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Three Oaks Recreation Area is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2021 season. Applicants are not required to have American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification to apply, but it must be obtained prior to beginning employment. Please visit the City of Crystal Lake website at www.crystallake.org. Positions are listed under the Human Resources Department, Employment Opportunities.

PICTURE SUBMISSIONS

The City encourages park guests to submit pictures taken enjoying the park. With permission, submissions received will be featured on the Three Oaks Facebook page and in the City Newsletter.



Photo Credit: Linnea Maria



Photo Credit: Gina Fiore



Photo Credit: Becky Huffman Rich

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Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333

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

THE QUARRY CABLE PARK: SUMMERTIME FUN!

July means summertime fun at the Quarry Cable Park! The 2.0 and full size wakeboard cables are open Monday through Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to dusk and Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to dusk. If you are interested in wakeboarding for the first time, the 2.0 cables are a great way to learn.

Crystal Lake Brewing Co. signature brews have been on the Quarry's Lakeside Bar menu for several seasons, and new for the 2021 season, the Quarry has added delicious Julie Ann's frozen custard novelties to the Grille menu. The Quarry is proud to serve our community alongside these outstanding Crystal Lake businesses.

The Lakeside Bar and Grille open at 11:30 a.m. daily, and feature live music on the outdoor patios on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The July music lineup is:

July 2 Genr8r
July 3 Mackenzie O'Brien Band
July 9 Gina Gonzalez & Bryan Sansom
July 10 Wait, What?
July 16 Lisa Marie
July 17 Brother John Katzke
July 23 Irish Goodbye
July 24 Recycled
July 30 Jimmy Nick
July 31 Pino Farina





The Quarry also has indoor and outdoor event spaces available for rental. With the expansion of the Quarry's upper patio and new outdoor tent, the Quarry can accommodate groups of 100 or more guests with covering outdoors. Consider renting the sand volleyball courts for your event as well!

Visit the Quarry website: www.thequarrycablepark.com or call (815)893-0036 for additional information.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

Mosquito Control

The hot summer weather is here, and so are the mosquitoes. The City of Crystal Lake contracts with Clarke Environmental to track the mosquito population in the City and spray when the trap counts reach the set threshold. There are simple steps everyone can take to help minimize mosquito breeding grounds in the City.



- Dump/refill bird baths regularly.
- Throw away old tires, as they will collect rain water.
- Store empty buckets/flower pots upside down.
- Keep grass mown. Tall grass provides cover/moisture that attracts mosquitoes.
- Keep rain barrels covered to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Keep gutters and downspouts clean.
- Report mosquito annoyance, standing water, and/or register for service notifications directly through Clarke via their Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555 or online at https://www.clarkeportal.com/hotline

Grass in the Roadway

As a reminder, according to City Code, grass clippings and other yard waste are considered litter, and since mowing/blowing grass into the roadway is a hazard for anyone on the roadway and can blocks storm drains, it is prohibited. All mower discharges must be pointed back onto the lawn, not towards the road. Do not use a leaf blower, broom, or other device to blow or sweep cut grass into the roadway.



IT'S NOW OR NEVER

BY DIANA KENNEY

In 1835, Ziba S. Beardsley came to the shores of our spring-fed lake and commented that the "waters were as clear as crystal," thereby giving the lake its name. Early settlers were able to survive as the lake provided both food and fresh water.

By the 1870s, most of the shoreline of Crystal Lake was privately owned, including the area we know as Main Beach. Charles Dole owned nearly 1,000 acres of land along the east and south shores of the lake. Dole generously allowed residents to use his property on the east end for picnics, swimming, fishing and boating. Things were fine, as long as Dole owned the land. But right around the turn of the last century, things got ugly. Dole sold his property to Knickerbocker Ice Co., which later became Consumers Ice Co. Once the shorelines were in their possession, the ice company quickly took action to prohibit residents from using their property for recreational purposes.

The citizens were angry, demanding public access to the lake! After more than 20 years of legal battles and unsuccessful negotiations between the community and Consumers Ice Company for rights to lake access, the citizens of Crystal Lake knew the time had come to establish a Park District, which could legally acquire the beachfront property by one of three ways: by gift, by purchase, or by condemnation.

In 1921, voters in Crystal Lake were asked to vote for or against establishing a Park District. The Crystal Lake Herald printed several editorials in favor of the proposition. Citizens were told, "It's Now or Never"! NOW is the time to vote to establish a Park District to acquire property or you will NEVER have the chance for public access to our lake again!

Fortunately for us, the vote on November 19, 1921 was 1,086 to 92 in favor of the park district. A board of five park commissioners was also elected. The first commissioners were John C. Flotow, Dennis W. Kelley Benno Raue, Paul F. Rosenthal and Frank W. Schramm. These men served without compensation.

The newly formed Park District Board unsuccessfully negotiated with the Consumers Ice Company for the Main Beach land and then instituted condemnation proceedings. In 1923, the Crystal Lake Park District was awarded 1,500 feet of lakefront and 27.78 acres for the sum of $19,250. This foresighted action of establishing a Park District 100 years ago has allowed Crystal Lake residents to enjoy the beauty and fun of our namesake lake both NOW and FOREVER!

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.

CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF FUN!

Saturday, July 10, 2021 (11AM-3PM)
Colonel Palmer House

Enjoy vintage park activities, including an ice cream social, music, horseshoes, crafts, kite flying and clay oven cooking demonstration.

Stroll through the "100 Years of Fun" exhibits inside the historic home and learn about the history of baseball, water sports, the Nature Center, ice harvesting, and more. Displays also include history of the parks (and who they're named for), local sports heroes, long-time directors and employees.

FREE! Something for all ages!
www.crystallakeparks.org
www.cl-hs.org



NEW BUSINESS

Cheshire Cakes

40 N. Williams Street

Cheshire Cakes is now open and located at 40 N. Williams Street, Suite 40. Baker and pastry chef, KellyAnn Kozel, opened her first bakery in her hometown and is serving up creatively inspired and delicious cupcakes, custom cakes, cookies, cheesecakes, and a wide variety of sweet and savory croissants! Order online at www.Cheshire-Cakes.com or call (779) 220-4993.

STORM WATER TIPS: ONLY RAIN BELONGS IN STORM DRAINS

Only rain belongs in storm drains. Never dump anything down gutters, catch basins or onto the street as it can pollute our streams and lakes. Be sure to properly dispose of household hazardous waste, including motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, paint and paint thinner, pesticides and cleaners. Some labels show how to properly dispose of the product, find a collection day in the area, or google your specific product for recommendations on how to properly dispose of it.

City of Crystal Lake Water Conservation Plan

Conserving Water by Reducing Peak Demands

To help reduce our City's peak water system demands, the Public Works Department is reminding consumers about our water conservation plan. This plan is part of a long term effort to promote conservation in order to preserve this precious resource.
The City utilizes a color code water regulation program, which is used by many surrounding communities.

The three color system program will work as follows:

Water conservation status signs will be posted at arterial roads within the City. Residents can also check current status on City's website or by calling the Water Division at (815) 356 - 3614 .



RED: Outdoor use of water from a connection to the City's public water supply is prohibited.

CURRENT CONDITION - YELLOW: Lawn & landscape watering is permitted on odd / even days between the hours of 5-8 am and 6-9 pm. Property addresses ending in odd numbers shall be permitted to use water on odd numbered calendar days and even numbered addresses on even numbered days.

GREEN: Lawn & landscape watering is permitted between the hours of 5-8 am and 6-9 pm. There are NO restrictions for other outdoor uses of water.

OUTSIDE USE	GREEN	YELLOW	RED
Sprinkler/Irrigation system for watering Landscape.	5am – 8am 6pm – 9pm	Odd/ Even 5am – 8am 6pm – 9pm	Not Allowed
Hand watering gardens, trees and shrubs, cleaning outside items such as decks & cars, & children using sprinklers.	Every day anytime	Every day anytime	Not Allowed

The City is requesting the help and cooperation of every business and resident with this water conservation effort. Any person, firm, or corporation violating this water conservation ordinance 322 is subject to a fine as published in our City Code.

Questions concerning the City's Water Conservation Plan should be directed to the Water Division at (815) 356-3614.

CALENDAR | July 2021

Sunday, July 4

- Independence Day Parade, 1:00 p.m., Kicks-Off at City Hall, down Dole Avenue to the Lakeside Festival Grounds
- Fireworks, Dusk, Over Crystal Lake

Monday, July 5

- City Offices Closed for Independence Day holiday

Tuesday, July 6

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, June 7

- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

Tuesday, July 20

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

Wednesday, June 21

- Planning & Zoning Commission, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)



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