City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



# THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

## OFF-SEASON HOURS OF OPERATION

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

**Park Trails:** The park and miles of trails will be open daily throughout the fall and winter. The east trail is accessible from Pingree Road and connects to the east shoreline and parking lot. The west trail is accessible from inside the park near the beach entrance. Multiple shelters and picnic tables are available on each trail, along with convenient shoreline fishing locations.





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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

From candy to costumes, Halloween is filled with fun activities. To help residents have a safe holiday, here are some tips:

- If you choose to trick-or-treat this year, the recommended trick-or-treating hours are Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Turn on your porch lights to show that your home is welcoming trick-or-treaters. Please remind children not to ring the doorbell if a light is not on as some families may feel uncomfortable participating in trick-or-treating.
- Review with children how to call 9-1-1 if they have an emergency or become lost.
- Walk on sidewalks and stay in well-lit areas.
- Make sure that everyone understands they should stay in a group.
- Wear glow-in-the-dark accessories.
- Help your children check their candy.
- Throw out any candy with torn packaging or holes in the packaging.
- If you consume alcohol at an event or party, be sure to plan a safe ride home.

## WHAT ATTRACTS CAR BURGLARS?

Personal belongings or anything of value such as; a portable GPS system, cell phone, iPad or tablet, wallet, keys, currency, check book, or a pill bottle, empty or not, will bring unwanted attention to your vehicle. It is very important to keep items such as these out of view within the vehicle. An item that may not be of value to you is of value to a burglar. Remember your personal information is affixed on your prescription bottle. If you're leaving your vehicle parked in the driveway overnight, lock your doors and roll up your windows. This will help to deter criminal activity.



If you discover your vehicle was rummaged through, contact the police immediately.

## CRIME STOPPERS

Crystal Lake Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards of up to $1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and filing of criminal charges against offenders. Let's continue to help keep Crystal Lake a Good Place to Live and Work. Crime Stoppers 1-800-762-STOP (7867). Caller ID is not used.

Crime STOPPERS

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

**Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620**

# FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## OCTOBER 3-9, 2021 IS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!

**"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" ™**




**SMOKE ALARMS**

- A continued set of 3 loud "beeps" means there is detected smoke or fire—Get outside, call 9-1-1, and do not go back inside for any reason.
- A "chirp" every 30-60 seconds signifies a low battery. Replace the battery immediately and check all other units in your home.
- Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years. The expiration date can be found on the back of the unit. If you do not see a date, the unit is too old to operate properly and needs to be replaced immediately.
- Continuous chirping after the batteries have been replaced means the entire unit needs to be replaced.

**CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS**

- A continued set of 4 loud "beeps" means carbon monoxide has been detected in your home. Get outside, call 9-1-1, and do not go back inside for any reason.
- A "chirp" every 30-60 seconds signifies a low battery. Replace battery immediately and check all other units in your home.
- CO alarms have "end of life" sounds, but these may vary by manufacturer. This signals that the CO alarm needs replacing.
- Continuous chirping after the batteries have been replaced means the entire unit needs to be replaced.

**ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS**

- Low frequency alarms or bedside devices that respond to the sound of smoke/CO alarms are available and can help to wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- Sleep with any mobility devices, glasses, prescriptions, and phone close to your bed in the event you need to escape quickly.
- Keep pathways and hallways in the home clear of clutter and use nightlights to ensure safe exiting in the event of an emergency.
- Always know two ways out of any room in your home in case one becomes inaccessible and plan and practice escape plans with your family often.

Source: *www.nfpa.org*

## 2021 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK "VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE"

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department will be hosting a "Virtual Open House" through social media for all of Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9, 2021). Our page will feature numerous safety messages, videos, demonstrations, activities and more!

Follow Crystal Lake Fire Rescue at www.facebook.com/CrystalLakeFire to be a part of it all!

**CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT**
**(815) 356-3640**

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# PICTURE SUBMISSIONS

The cooler temperatures will bring many changing colors at the park this fall. The City encourages residents to submit their favorite photos taken at the park this year. Whether it is a photo of wildlife, changing leaf colors, caught fish, or even Halloween costumes worn at the park, the City is always accepting photos from park guests. Submissions received by park guests are shown to the right.



*Photo Credit: Jim Sanaxay*



*Photo Credit: Sam Baker*

# PAVILION RENTALS

The pavilion rental portal will open on January 3, 2022 to allow rentals for the 2022 season. All pavilion rentals are on a first-come first-serve basis, so be sure to plan your 2022 event soon!

**5517 Northwest Highway**
**Crystal Lake, IL 60014**
**www.crystallake.org/threeoaksrecreation**
**Email: threeoaks@crystallake.org**
**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 QUARRY CABLE PARK

The wakeboard season finished up on September 30, 2021, but if weather permits, there may be additional days to wakeboard in early October. Call ahead at (815) 893-0036 or check the Quarry Facebook page and Quarry website for additional information about potential October wakeboarding dates.

**Private Events**

Are you planning a holiday party for your business, family or friends? The Quarry has indoor event spaces available for rent year-round that can accommodate up to 110 people. You can choose the caterer of your choice, and beverages for events are purchased through the Quarry.

For milder weather, the Quarry has a new 30' x 60' outdoor tent that can be rented for groups up to 125 people. If you are interested in hosting an event at the Quarry, visit www.thequarrycablepark.com and complete an Event Request under Private Events.

**November Quarry Merry Market**

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Merry Market!

- Friday, November 5, 2021 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 6, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Artisan and vendor booths will be located indoors (Lakeside Room and lower level of the main building) and outdoors (lower level patio and tent). Admission is $2 for adults 18 years & older. The Lakeside Bar & Grille will be open during the Market to add to the fun.

If you are interested in participating in the Merry Market as an artisan or vendor, please email the Quarry: ride@thequarrycablepark.com and an Events team member will contact you.

Happy Autumn from the Quarry!

# A NORTH SHORE JEWEL

BY DIANA KENNEY

A significant number of homes on the north shore of Crystal Lake were built as summer cottages before they were eventually converted to year-round residences. During the first half of the 20th century, Crystal Lake was known as a resort town. Here was a place where Chicagoans, and other large city dwellers could escape the heat of the city to enjoy blue skies, clear water, wonderful old trees, excellent bathing beaches and fine fishing.

In November 1913, Alice Jewell, a widow from Jacksonville, Illinois, purchased a single lot on Crystal Lake's north shore from Charles & Rose (Miller) Kellogg for $1,200. The Kellogg's were well-to-do Crystal Lake residents who worked hard for the betterment of the community, but also benefited financially by buying, developing and selling properties for a profit. In this case, they had acquired the lot eight years earlier at a cost of $500.

Mrs. Jewell's lot was located immediately east of the Lake Shore House Hotel which had been built in 1900. The Lake Shore House extended across three lots, and was large enough to accommodate sixty guests. The hotel contained 23 guest rooms and boasted a 12-foot double-decker veranda on three sides of the house. Any home built on the Jewell lot would certainly be dwarfed by its mighty next-door neighbor!

Why did Alice Jewell purchase a lot on Crystal Lake? What was her connection to our community? Alice Jewell was acquainted with Rose Miller Kellogg's family as she stayed with the Millers when she first came to visit. At the age of 10, Rose's brother Frank had contracted spinal meningitis which left him blind and deaf in one ear. Frank was sent to Jacksonville, Illinois to receive specialty schooling, and this explains the connection to why Alice Jewell came to Crystal Lake.

Alice Clarke was born in 1861 in Connecticut. As a young adult in Connecticut, she was a schoolteacher. By 1900, she is living in Illinois. Her future husband, Arthur Jewell was born in 1867 in Jo Daviess County (Galena) Illinois. As a young child, Arthur was sent to live and learn at the Illinois Institution for the Education of the Blind in Jacksonville, Illinois. After his education ended, Arthur continued living at the school as an employee, working in the print shop.

Was Alice a teacher at the School for the Blind? Perhaps. We do know that in 1904, Alice and Arthur were married. They moved into their own home in Jacksonville, where Arthur continued his employment as a printer for the School for the Blind. Sadly, Arthur passed away in 1912 at the age of 45.







The next year, Alice decided to invest in property on Crystal Lake. She hires James B. Kitchen, a local contractor, to build her new cottage. The November 6, 1913 edition of the Crystal Lake Herald indicates Mr. Kitchen "has moved the boat house to the north end of the lot, and will be used as a dormitory building." This statement of use seems to indicate Alice was planning to host guests, taking advantage of the booming resort trade in Crystal Lake. By April 1914, Alice Jewell is moved into her new cottage and ready for business. A postcard from the Crystal Lake Historical Society's archival collection confirms Mrs. Jewell's use of the property.

In 1925, the property is sold, and Alice Jewell returns to Jacksonville to live until her death in 1941. Ownership of the Jewell Cottage changes hands at least four times until 1955 when James and Astrid Rapp purchase the property from two sisters whose primary residence was in Chicago. The Rapp's set about to convert the summer cottage to a year-round home for their young family.

If walls could talk, the original Jewell Cottage could share stories about the many changes to the north shore of Crystal Lake. With the decline of the resort business on Crystal Lake, the Lake Shore House Hotel (later known as a The Beach House) became more of a rooming house. Its condition declined, and the structure burned down in 1982. The property was divided, and three new homes were built on the lots.

Today, the Jewell Cottage remains in the Rapp family. James passed away in 1978, Astrid in 2019. Their daughter and family now own the house. They have been lovingly updating the Jewell Cottage for today's lifestyle while maintaining the comfort and feel of a summer cottage nestled on the shore of our beautiful Crystal Lake.

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.

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS: FALL LEAF COLLECTION, YARD WASTE DISPOSAL, & BRUSH DROP-OFF

**Yard Waste Pickup**

Yard waste will continue to be collected weekly through the second full week of December on your regular pick-up day.

Yard waste is collected in biodegable Kraft paper bags, GFL Environmental (formerly Prairieland Disposal) yard waste bin or resident owned rigid containers clearly marked as "yard waste" not exceeding 33 gallons or 50 pounds.

**Acceptable items for yard waste include:**

- Grass Clippings
- Leaves
- Food scraps
- Dog waste
- Kitty litter
- Stable waste

Questions regarding yard waste can be directed to GFL Environmental at 847-381-9300.

**Brush Drop-Off**

In addition to yard waste collection, brush drop-off is still available through November, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., residents have the option of dropping off their brush at 410 S. Main Street. The remaining drop-off dates are:

- Saturday October 2nd
- Saturday October 16th
- Saturday November 6th
- Saturday November 20th

The City provides this service to residents only. Brush accepted at the site must be under six feet in length and six inches in diameter. The material that is collected at the drop-off site will eventually be chipped and available for use by residents.

If you have any questions regarding brush drop-off please contact the Crystal Lake Public Works Department at (815) 356-3614.

**Fall Leaf Collection Program**

The City's Fall Leaf Collection program is operated by GFL Environmental. Leaves in bio-degradable paper bags will be collected from the first Monday in October through the second Friday in December. Acceptable containers for leaf collection include:

- Biodegradable leaf bags (not exceeding 50 pounds)
- Yard waste totes provided by GFL Environmental or resident-owned yard waste bins clearly marked for leaf disposal only.

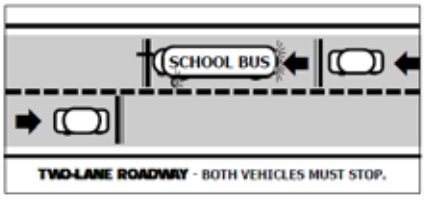
Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected, as the plastic bags cannot be composted.

# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

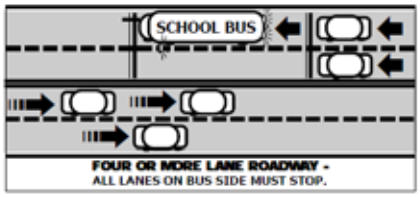
School is in session, and school bus drivers are hard at work transporting kids to and from school. Please be careful around bus stops. The riskiest part of the ride is the bus stop!

- 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 of all lanes must stop. All vehicles must remain stopped until the bus's 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.

# NEW BUSINESSES

***Mobile Therapy Centers (MTC)*** opened a new state-of-the-art multidisciplinary clinic in Crystal Lake at 385 Millennium Drive, Unit D. MTC provides specialized services for children, teens and young adults with special needs. This new 10,000 square foot facility provides clients the opportunity for children to receive a variety of services in one location. Services include ABA therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, behavioral therapy, feeding therapy, pediatric physical therapy and counseling. Additionally, the facility has mock rooms where children can practice real life skills, in real life environments like a school classroom, hair salon and dentist office.

**Coming Soon**

***Raising Cane's*** - 5417 Northwest Highway
A fast-food restaurant chain specializing in chicken fingers.

***Abalabix Books*** - 30 N. Williams Street, Unit A
A small, independent bookstore stocked with books curated to community interests opening in downtown Crystal Lake.

***Spirit Halloween*** - 6308 Northwest Highway
Offers an incredible selection of Halloween costumes, decorations, accessories, and makeup.

***Encore Music Academy*** - 87 N. Williams Street
A new music academy in downtown Crystal Lake offering a wide selection of classes and lessons including choir, wind symphony, youth orchestra and chamber ensembles for all ages and abilities.

# SAVE THE DATE! 10TH ANNUAL SANTA RUN FOR KIDS

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

The 10th Annual McHenry County Santa Run For Kids will be held at The Raue Center for the Arts on December 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Funds raised support children of McHenry County. All proceeds go to organizations that assist our County's kids: Turning Point, Girls on the Run of NW Illinois, CASA of McHenry County, Kiwanis, Main Stay Therapeutic Farm, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. When you register for the 5K Run or Walk, you also get your very own Santa suit to wear.



What a fantastic way to kick off December! Please visit https://mchenrycountysantarun.com for sign-up information. We look forward to seeing you at the McHenry County Santa Run For Kids!

# STORMWATER TIP: TREE PLANTING

Planting trees on your property will help absorb stormwater. The tree roots filter and absorb water and the tree canopy helps to slow the amount of rainfall hitting the ground. Check with your local nursery as some trees should be planted in the fall.

# CALENDAR | October 2021

## Tuesday, October 5
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

## Wednesday, October 6
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

## Tuesday, October 19
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

## Wednesday, October 20
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (City Hall)

## Sunday, October 31
- Halloween
  (If you choose to trick-or-treat, recommended hours 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

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The City of Crystal Lake values the opinion of its residents. If you have any concerns or comments about the City Letter, please express them in the space provided below. (If you need more space, please attach a separate piece of paper). Clip this and mail to: City Letter, City of Crystal Lake, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Questions or comments can also be sent to comments@crystallake.org.