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CITYLETTER



Photo Location: Three Oaks Recreation Area
Photo Credit: Mary Swisher

CRYSTAL LAKE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Earth Day is Friday, April 22, and the City's Sustainability Committee focuses on the environment and educating others to do their part to make Crystal Lake more sustainable. Residents can help by reducing vehicle idling, practicing proper recycling, being mindful of water use, and using natural landscaping where appropriate to minimize lawn mowing. Visit the Sustainability Committee page on the Crystal Lake website for more information: https://bit.ly/34NUvQm.

GREEN BUSINESS DESIGNATION PROGRAM

The Crystal Lake Sustainability Committee received three applications from local businesses for the 2022 Green Business Designation program. This program recognizes local businesses engaging in environmentally friendly practices, including energy conservation, promoting healthy ecosystems, and proper waste handling.

The Sustainability Committee would like to recognize Duke's Alehouse, Building Energy Experts, and Pique Technologies as Green Businesses for their efforts towards preserving and promoting the environment. These businesses have shown their commitment to utilizing environmentally friendly practices with their business operations. The program will accept applications beginning in September for the 2023 recognition season. Please contact Nick Hammonds at (815) 356-3675 with any questions.

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TREE PRESERVATION AND REPLACEMENT

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. The State of Illinois and the National Arbor Day celebration is April 29, 2022. Arbor Day is the perfect time to celebrate your community's trees, their benefits, and your commitment to their care.

The City of Crystal Lake monitors and maintains the parkway trees along right-of-ways. Parkway trees are the trees between the sidewalk and the roadway surface or the nearest roadway if no sidewalk is present. Removal of dead trees, replacement with appropriate species, and trimming trees are part of the annual City maintenance programs. The City has inventoried over 18,000 trees in the City and uses GIS to track the species, condition, size, and if a tree needs to be removed or has been removed.

City ordinances regulate tree removal. Projects which propose tree removal on private property are required to inventory trees, including size, species, and condition. Replacement trees are calculated based on inventory information, ensuring replanting on site. Replacement trees must be higher quality tree species such as flowering crabapple, oaks, lindens, and honey locust. Trees serve a purpose beyond just beauty; they provide habitat for wildlife, shade that reduces urban heat, absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen.

More information about the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance or parkway trees can be found on the website at: www.crystallake.org/our-community/green-initiatives/tree-preservation.







TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION

The City of Crystal Lake has been designated a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the past six years. The Tree City USA Program began in 1976 and initially included 42 communities in 16 states. Today, the program consists of 3,600 communities from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. Tree City USA designation requirements include:

- A review of ordinances and tree care policies
- Staffing requirements
- Demonstration of dedicated funding for tree care and replacement

The City's urban forest consists of over 18,000 City-maintained trees.

Communities greatly benefit from trees. According to the Arbor Day Foundation:

- Trees help reduce the sounds of traffic in urban areas by 40%.
- Neighborhoods with trees are seven to nine degrees cooler than those without.
- Trees reduce energy costs by up to 25% by shading buildings and protecting them from winter winds.
- Homes with trees have higher property values.
- Green space plays a significant role in improving mental and physical health.
- Planting and maintaining trees will absorb carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, mitigating the effects of climate change.

BRUSH PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Brush Pickup Program: The annual program starts May 2, and will continue for four weeks. The City will be divided into four zones. Please click on the link below to see when your zone of the City will be serviced. During your scheduled week, please have your brush out by 6:00 a.m. on Monday. https://bit.ly/3LauvOV

Brush Drop-Off Site: Located at 410 S. Main Street, the site is open on the first and third Saturday of April through November, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first drop-off opportunity is Saturday, April 2, 2022.

All brush for Drop-Off and Pick-up must be six inches or less in diameter and six feet or less in length to be accepted. Other materials, such as bagged leaves and grass, will not be accepted during pick-up.

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

PICTURE SUBMISSIONS

The City encourages park guests to submit pictures taken while enjoying the park. With permission, submissions received will be featured on the Three Oaks Facebook page and in the City Newsletter. Please submit your pictures to the Three Oaks Recreation Area Facebook page or email pictures to threeoaks@crystallake.org.



Photo Credit: City Staff



Photo credit: Carole Hubbard

FISHING BOATS

Weather permitting, boat rentals will begin Saturday, April 16. The Marina will be open on weekends in April from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. Only fishing boats will be available during this time due to the colder water temperature.

For the operational status of the Marina, call the Rainout Line at (815) 506-9333. For all other questions regarding Marina rentals, call the Information Line at (815) 356-2447.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

April

- The park is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to sunset.
- Beginning April 16, on Saturdays and Sundays, the Marina is open from 6:30 a.m. until sunset.

May

- The park is open daily, and the Marina is open with limited hours. Call the Rainout Line at (815) 506-9333 for more information.
- May 28: Swim beach opens for the season at 10:00 a.m., weather permitting.

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

SPRINGTIME AT THE QUARRY

Spring has sprung, and the Quarry is excited for longer days and warmer weather. The cables will be spinning soon enough. Get a head start, buy your Lake Season Pass or Multi-Ride Pass now, and enjoy wakeboarding all summer long! Purchases can be made at www.thequarrycablepark.com/shop/. Summer Wakeboarding Camps will be offered June through August. Classes fill up fast, so book now!

Outdoor patio season is about to start at the Quarry and along with some fantastic spring events! The Annual Quarry Mother's Day Spring Market will take place on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30. Sip and shop your way through over 20 local and Chicagoland vendors. The Quarry will also be serving up some delicious light bites, fun drinks, and live music entertainment on the night of Friday, April 29.

Ole! Ole! Join the Quarry for their first Cinco De Mayo Fiesta on Thursday, May 5. Enjoy a variety of street tacos, live music, and refreshing cocktails! Teachers celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week can also receive a special discount at this event.

The Quarry is also looking forward to the second annual Kentucky Derby Event on Saturday, May 7. Sip mint juleps and snack on pimento cheese dip while dressed to the nines in your best Derby Day attire. Follow all Quarry events on Facebook for more details, or visit thequarrycablepark.com.

HELP PRESERVE THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF CRYSTAL LAKE

Did you know that you may be able to register your home as a landmark if it has architectural or historical significance to Crystal Lake? The Historic Preservation Commission is hosting an open meeting on May 5, at 7:00 p.m., to present information on landmarking your property and answer any questions. By landmarking your property, you protect the exterior façade from inappropriate modifications and the structure from demolition.

Landmarking is a simple process, and members of the Commission and staff can assist you with researching the history and applying for landmark status. Landmarked properties are eligible to receive grant assistance for improvement projects.

There are currently 15 landmarked properties in the City. The list and information about these properties can be found at www.crystallake.org/your-government/boards-and-commissions/historic-preservation-commission/landmarked-properties. Come and learn more about how your property can join the list and remain a piece of Crystal Lake's history.

STREET RESURFACING 2022

The City of Crystal Lake monitors road conditions and annually develops a program to repair streets that have deteriorated. The repairs consist of removing the top layer of asphalt, making spot repairs to the exposed base, and then putting a new surface back on the street. The list to the right includes all street segments planned for 2022 as a part of the Street Resurfacing Program.

More information and future updates on this program can be found on the City website at: www.crystallake.org/our-community/construction-projects.



2022 streets	From	To
Smitana Road	Sands Road	City Limits
Sands Road	Rt 14 Approach	Railroad
Sands Road	Railroad	City Limits
Congress Pkwy	Federal Drive	Exchange Drive
Congress Pkwy	Exchange Drive	Pingree Approach
Federal Drive	Congress Pkwy	Crosswalk North of The Pointe
Plum Tree Drive	Huntley Road	Shadowood Lane
Shadowood Lane	Ridgewood Lane	Boxwood Drive
Sandalwood Lane	Waterford Cut	Ridgewood Lane
Sandalwood Lane	Waterford Cut	Dovercliff Way
Stonehedge Court	Plum Tree Drive	Cul De Sac
Hawthorne Drive	Sandalwood Lane	Barlina Road
Windridge Drive	Hawthorne Drive	Hawthorne Drive
Colony Drive	Hawthorne Drive	Sarasota Lane
Abbey Drive	Colony Drive	Sarasota Lane
Ridgewood Lane	Plum Tree Drive	Colony Lane
Pleasant Hill Road	Wisteria Drive	City Limits
Shipland Drive	Oak Street	Cul De Sac
Ryan Way	Midlane Drive	Shipland Drive
Cascade Drive	257 Cascade Drive	Larium Lane
Larium Lane	Midlane Drive	Talismon Drive
Lockwood Drive	589 Lochwood Drive	Ryan Way
Pheasant Lane	Shipland Drive	City Limits
W Upland Drive	Shipland Drive	City Limits

REFUSE, RECYCLING, AND YARD WASTE UPDATE

Effective May 1, the refuse, recycling, and yard waste monthly rate will be increasing by 3%, per the contract between the City and Prairieland Disposal/Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Residents will be charged the following amounts for refuse, recycling and yard waste through April 30, 2023.

	Previous Rates	New Rates
Single-Family	$17.74	$18.27
Multi-Family	$14.19	$14.62
Senior Rate	$15.98	$16.46

Important Dates to Remember:

- April 4, 2022: Yard waste collection begins. Leaves, grass, twigs and branches too small to bundle may be placed in a paper bag or your yard waste bin. May not exceed 50 pounds.
- May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day): No collection, all collection delayed by one day.
- September 12-16, 2022: Electronics collection week.
- December 16, 2022: Yard waste collection ends.

MAPLE STREET

BY DIANA KENNEY

Although the word "street" traditionally refers to a public thoroughfare or road, modern America has paired select words with "street" to derive other meanings.

The term "Wall Street" conjurs up visions of fast-paced, big business and major finance. While "Main Street" often refers to an area of independently owned, mom-and-pop type businesses. These examples of word pairings with "street" refer to the business sector of our community. But what about the residential areas?

What word(s) paired with "street" best represents our Americana vision of residential streets? Why, tree names—of course! The names, "Ash Street, Elm Street or Maple Street" all create a vision which may include houses on each side, children playing, dogs barking, neighbors greeting each other from their front porch, gardens, sprinklers, neatly kept lawns and of course, trees. These mighty living giants have provided us with shade, protection and beauty through countless generations. With Arbor Day coming up on April 29th, this article is focused on one of my favorite "tree streets" – Maple Street.

Maple Street is part of a subdivision known as "Pomeroy's Addition to Crystal Lake". In 1871, E.L. Pomeroy purchased the family home (still standing at 160 Pomeroy Avenue) and many acres of surrounding property. In 1874, Pomeroy had a plat made of "Pomeroy's Addition to Crystal Lake." The plat was done by surveyor John Brink who did the original survey of Crystal Lake. Pomeroy's Addition consists of 7 blocks containing 169 lots, including Pomeroy's large home lot. Although Maple Street was included in this early plat, the street did not open up until the early 1920s.

E.L. Pomeroy died in 1899, his wife Mary died in 1920. Two years after his mother's death, their son, Edward D. Pomeroy, decided to host an auction for the sale of 66 lots in Pomeroy's Addition, with 36 of those lots on Maple Street. The auction was well-advertised and incentivized with offers of "free rocking chairs to the ladies and $50 in gold given away free". Needless to say, the auction was well-attended and all lots were quickly sold with prices ranging from $120 to $630 for each lot.

By 1924, construction of homes on Maple Street began. The Crystal Lake Herald reports six homes were built that year. These first owners included: F. Buhrman, E. Core, Geo. Stenquist, F. Ehlert, John H. Bohl and Wm. Smith.

The following year, city council voted to extend the city's water and sewer lines, providing homes on Maple Street with access to connect to the system. Apparently, not everyone wanted this access. In 1926, a follow-up ordinance was passed requiring property owners to close down and remove all outhouses and make the connection to the city's sewer system or be brought to court and fined. This new ordinance eventually brought compliance.

Most homes on Maple Street were built between 1924 and 1950. These are modest structures (ranches, bungalows, and even three Sears kit homes). Maple Street is home to average, middle-class families. These are not the homes of millionaires or aristocrats. The owners of these homes may be blue collar or white collar workers, educators, or retirees. Their homes are a collection of beauty and charm, reflecting a pride in ownership, and a true slice of the American Pie.



This "Aerial" photo was taken from the old Union School tower (Union School was located where Husmann Elementary is today). The photo was taken some time before 1920.

The view is looking west across McHenry Avenue. The houses in the foreground (some hidden by trees) are on the west side of McHenry Avenue, facing the school. The houses toward the top of the image are on Pomeroy and beyond. Notice the break in corn between McHenry and Pomeroy? That is approximately where today's Maple Street is.

About the Author: Diana Kenney is an appointed member of the City of Crystal Lake's Historic Preservation Commission, and President of the Crystal Lake Historical Society. To contact Diana email info@cl-hs.org

Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service



May 30, 2022

The City of Crystal Lake Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 30, 2022. The event will be held according to guidelines issued by State and local health agencies.

The parade begins at 11:00 a.m. at Central High School and runs east on Franklin Avenue, north on Williams Street, and west on Woodstock Street to Union Cemetery, where a Memorial Service is held.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please complete the application below, and return the application to Melanie Nebel at the City of Crystal Lake by email at mnebel@crystallake.org, by fax at (815) 356-3780 or by mail at 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Nebel at (815) 459-2020.

As a reminder, the Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service is a solemn event intended to honor Veterans and those who have given their lives for their country. Please do not distribute candy or fliers during the parade, and please keep marching units and floats consistent with the nature of this event.

APPLICATION

VETERANS

Name of Individual/Group: _____

Contact Person:_____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person:_____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Unit: _____ # of Participants: _____

Indemnity/Hold Harmless For Use of City-Owned Property
To the fullest extent permitted by law, the undersigned hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees, against all injuries, deaths, loss, damages, claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses (including attorney fees), which may in anyway accrue against the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents and employees arising in whole or part or in consequence of the use of City-owned property by the undersigned, its employees, agents, subcontractors and/or 3rd party, or which may in anyway result therefore, except that arising out of the sole legal cause of the City of Crystal Lake, its agents or employees. The User of City-owned property shall, at its own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefore or incurred in connections therewith, and, if any judgment shall be rendered against the City of Crystal Lake, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees, in any such action, the User shall, at its own expense, satisfy and discharge the same.

Agreed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

_____ _____

(Signature of User) (Please Print Name)

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENT

The Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Crystal Lake Park District will host their annual Community Clean-Up day on Saturday, April 23, 2022, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at McCormick Park, located at 427 W. Virginia Street.

- Gloves, safety vests, and bags will be made available to all volunteers to help clean our public parks.
- The Chamber will also provide a paper/document shredding truck from AMS Shredding. Customers can bring up to two bankers boxes for shredding. The truck is first-come, first-serve, and will leave when at capacity. Please remove all spiral bindings, metal strips, and large clips.
- In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, the Crystal Lake Police Department will conduct a Prescription Drug Take-Back Event.
- Douglas Automotive, located at 123 E. Virginia Road, will be accepting car batteries, used motor oil, anti-freeze, and up to four unmounted car tires (no large vehicle tires) at 123 E. Virginia Road, 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- Community Clean-Up Corporate Challenge: The business with the most participants will win a prize!

All participants are encouraged to come to McCormick Park for supplies, park assignments, and complimentary donuts the morning of the event and return after their clean-up for an appreciation lunch while supplies last.

Before the event, large groups of eight or more should register with the Crystal Lake Park District by calling (815)-455-1763.

This FREE event is rain or shine. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce at (815-459-1300) or visit www.clchamber.com for more information.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

On Saturday, April 23, the Crystal Lake Police Department will take part in the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Community Clean-up Day event.

The Police Department will be collecting your old or unwanted prescription drugs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Department will have a squad car parked in front of the Chamber building at McCormick Park, located at 427 W. Virginia Street.



Items not accepted:

- Needles (sharps)
- Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids
- Thermometers
- Inhalers
- Hydrogen Peroxide

Remove all labels or blackout information containing names, phone numbers, addresses, and doctor's information.

CALENDAR | April 2022

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 23

- Community Clean-Up Day, 8:30 a.m. (McCormick Park)



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