City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



Happy 4th of July: Independence Day Festivities

The City of Crystal Lake, in keeping with tradition, will be celebrating Independence Day with the much-anticipated parade and fireworks. The Independence Day parade will kick off on Sunday, July 3 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.

Don't miss out on the Annual Lakeside Festival, held on the grounds of the historic Dole Mansion from Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3. The Festival features live music, food booths, midway games, carnival rides, and a fun family atmosphere. The event is made possible thanks largely to many hardworking volunteers and sponsors. Lakeside Festival is the largest fundraiser for the Lakeside Legacy Foundation's year-round programs and events.

The Lakeside Festival festivities will conclude with the 2022 City of Crystal Lake fireworks show on Sunday, July 3. The fireworks will launch from Crystal Lake at dusk near Main Beach. The fireworks promise an exciting performance for the entire family to enjoy.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy 4th of July.

Lakeside Festival Schedule

Thursday, June 30	3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday, July 1	12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 2	12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 3	12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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

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THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Hours

Park	Beach	Marina
6:30 a.m. to sunset	10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to sunset

Open Water Swim

July 2 – Closed due to the Holiday

July 9 – 7:30 a.m – 9:00 a.m

July 16 - 7:30 a.m – 9:00 a.m

July 23 - 7:30 a.m – 9:00 a.m

July 30 - 7:30 a.m – 9:00 a.m

Trails and Shelters

Hiking trails are open year-round during regular park hours. The trails are available for walking, hiking, running, and biking. All trails begin at the main parking lot.

West Trail

The longest and most popular trail is a .75-mile sandy trail that meanders along the lake and connects to the shoreline for fishing. The Board House, which is used for paddle boarding, is found along this trail.



East Trail

This winding .5-mile sandy trail starts by the Marina and skirts its way along the east shoreline. The trail ends with a park bench, ideal for rest and taking pictures of the native prairie flowers.

West Trail Shelter

The West Trail Shelter overlooks the South Lake, sitting close to shoreline fishing stations. Visitors will find the shelter near the end of the West Trail.



Three stationary picnic tables are under the shelter, with one additional stationary picnic table in the open. There is no electricity. The shelter accommodates a maximum of twenty people.

East Trail Shelter

The East Trail Shelter overlooks the South Lake in a private and peaceful setting. Visitors will find the shelter just off the gravel service-road trail, which leads to the Pingree Road and Three Oaks Road pedestrian gate.



Two stationary picnic tables are under the shelter, with an additional stationary picnic table in the open. There is no electricity. The shelter accommodates a maximum of twenty people.

Pet Rules

Dogs may walk on the trails if they are kept on short leashes. Owners must abide by the City's rules and regulations relating to leashes and removal of animal defecation. Litter bags and drop stations are provided at the start of the East Trail and West Trail. Dogs are not allowed to enter the water, picnic grounds, Marina, or Lake House Complex.

Scuba Zone

The Scuba Zone is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, weather permitting*.

General Rules

- The minimum age to dive is 12 years of age. Divers younger than 18 must be accompanied by a certified dive instructor, a certified parent or a certified legal guardian during the entire length of the dive.
- Divers are required to use a Dive Flag at all times when in the Scuba Zone.
- Each diver must present an active diving certification card and a photo ID.
- Registration, check-in, and the daily dive fee must be completed before entering the water.

*The Marina, Swim Beach, and Scuba Zone may close at any time due to inclement weather. This includes, but is not limited to, high winds, anticipated thunderstorms, heavy rainfall, cold temperatures, severe weather, or if our lightning detection system sounds. To stay informed on weather conditions at Three Oaks, please check our Rainout Line at 815-506-9333.

5517 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
https://www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation
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!

Economic Development

Mario's Cart - 1145 S. Route 31, Unit H

Mario's Cart is establishing roots after being a food truck favorite at the Dole last year by opening it's first stand-alone restaurant in Crystal Lake. The restaurant is known for street tacos, burrito bowls, ceviche, and loco fries, they are open daily for take-out, indoor and outdoor dining, and catering.

Andy's Burrito Express - 1295 N Randall Road, Unit 104

Andy's is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner while offering Mexican specialties, including various egg dishes, chilaquiles, tacos, burritos, tortas, and tostadas for dine-in or take-out.

Drinking Water Quality Report

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the federal law that protects public drinking water supplies throughout the nation. Under SDWA, the EPA sets standards for drinking water quality and implements various technical and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety with its partners.

The SDWA requires all water utilities to produce and distribute a water quality report each year, also called a Consumer Confidence Report. A Consumer Confidence Report compares drinking water test results to federal drinking water standards, contains information about municipal water sources, and provides an overview of treatment processes. The Crystal Lake Public Works Department is committed to providing safe water. We are strong supporters of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Crystal Lake Annual Water Quality Report is available at (El Informe anual de calidad del Agua de Crystal Lake esta disponible en): https://www.crystallake.org/home/showpublisheddocument/21227 or if you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call: (815) 356 - 3614.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Firework Safety

Many events in the summer, especially in July, are made more exciting with fireworks. As beautiful as firework displays can be, they should only be put on by experts. Below are fireworks dangers to be aware of while keeping you and your family safe.



- Thousands of burns and eye injuries are caused annually by fireworks.
- On average, 18,500 reported fires each year are the result of fireworks.
- Sparklers cause a quarter of all firework-related visits to the emergency room.
- Sparklers 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:

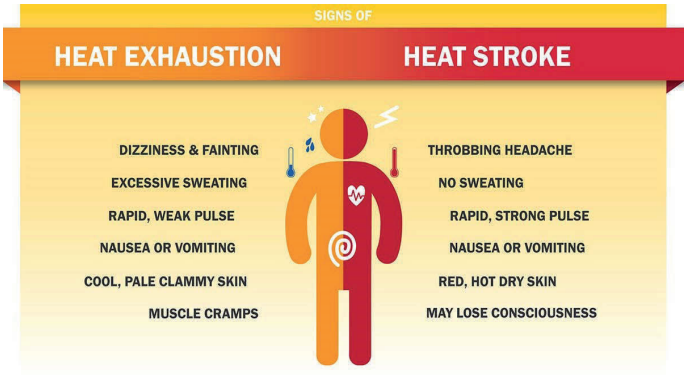
- Place the burnt area under cold water for three to five minutes.
- Cover the affected area with a clean, dry cloth.
- If the burn is larger than your palm, see your doctor as soon as possible.

Stay Cool This Summer "Beat the Heat"

When the human body is exposed to more heat than it can handle, heat-related illness can escalate rapidly, leading to delirium, organ damage, and even death. In 2020, there were 585 deaths and 1,708 injuries due to heat exhaustion/heat stroke. *Source: National Safety Council www.nsc.org.*

- Limiting outdoor exposure is the best way to avoid heat-related illness on hot days, especially between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., as these are typically the day's hottest hours.
- Air conditioning is the best way to cool off.
- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid alcohol.
- Wear a hat and loose-fitting, breathable clothing.
- Drink fruit juice/sports drinks to help replace salt lost from sweating.
- Wear sunscreen—the body is less able to cool itself when sunburned.

DO NOT leave kids (or pets) in vehicles, and keep car doors locked to prevent them from gaining access independently.



Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department
(815) 356-3640

Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Update

Monthly billing will be switching from Prairieland to Lakeshore Recycling Systems beginning with the August billing cycle. Residents will be receiving invoices from LRS in early July for the August billing. Residents who have established auto payments with Prairieland Disposal will be asked to re-submit billing information to LRS to set up auto payments. There will be no changes to the service or monthly rates for refuse collection. Residents will continue to see Prairieland Disposal and Lakeshore Recycling trucks in operation. For any billing questions, please contact Lakeshore Recycling Systems at (847) 381-9300.

Important Dates to Remember: July 4, 2022: All collection delayed by a day.
September 12-16, 2022: Electronics collection week.
December 16, 2022: Yard waste collection ends.

Charles L. Corda, a.k.a. "Mr. Trophy"

BY DIANA KENNEY

Charles Corda went by many names. Co-workers called him "Charlie". Family called him "Chuck". But the name he was probably most proud of came from his professional affiliations, and that was "Mr. Trophy".



Charles Corda - Photo provided by Virginia

Charles was born October 28, 1912 in Chicago to Edward and Agnes Corda. His father was a sergeant for the Chicago Police Department. Charles dropped out of school at age 16 and immediately went to work. The 1930 census shows him as an apprentice jeweler. By 1940, he is a tool and dye maker for Dodge Trophy, Inc. on N. Hudson Avenue in Chicago.

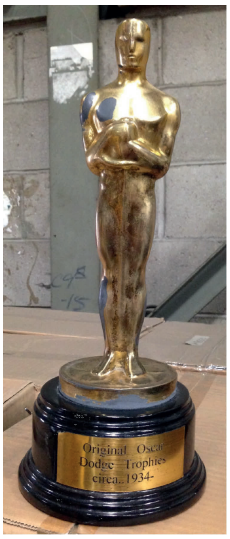
Dodge Trophy, Inc. was founded in 1930 by Ray E. Dodge, a former Olympic athlete, who had a keen interest in the award and trophy market. Dodge established manufacturing plants in Chicago and southern California. In the early 1930s, Dodge Trophy, Inc. was awarded a contract to produce all future Oscars for the motion picture industry. The company began manufacturing Emmys for the television industry in 1949. Other notables produced include the Miss America statuette and trophies for the Rose, Sugar and Orange Bowls. High-profile trophies brought attention to the company, but the countless smaller, everyday trophies provided year-round work.

In 1965, Dodge purchased the former Ero Manufacturing plant at the northeast corner of the intersection at Route 14 & Route 31. The company transferred nearly all of their Chicago manufacturing operations to Crystal Lake and was reported to have brought almost 200 jobs into our local economy. Charles Corda, by then a 30-year employee of Dodge Trophy, Inc., moved from Chicago to Crystal Lake.

Throughout his long career at the company, Charles Corda did everything from molding statues to gold-plating and applying the final coat of lacquer. By the early 1970s, Charles was superintendent of production in Crystal Lake. In 1972, numerous earthquakes in southern California forced Dodge to transfer the production of the Oscar trophies to the Crystal Lake manufacturing facility. The pressure was on for Charles Corda and his manufacturing team, and they met the challenges of successfully producing Oscar! The production of Oscar remained in Crystal Lake until 1979.

In 1974, while still an employee of Dodge Trophy, Inc., Charles Corda and one of his friends started a small, local trophy company. The company was called, "T.O.B.G. Trophies". The story goes that Charles and a bunch of guys used to get together and play cards in the basement of Willie Hanke's restaurant, the Branded Steak House (across the street from Dodge). The group of friends called themselves the "Bad Guys". So the new trophy company name was called "T.O.B.G. – Two Old Bad Guys" Trophies.

Charles L. Corda died in 1984. After 50 years of working for Dodge Trophy, Inc., he was well known throughout the trophy world and earned the title and nickname of "Mr. Trophy."



Made in Crystal Lake 1972-1979. Oscar stands 13½ inches tall and weighs 8½ pounds. Photo provided by Greg Latowicz.

About the Author: Diana Kenney is an appointed member of the City of Crystal Lake's Historic Preservation Commission, and is President of the Crystal Lake Historical Society.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

We Welcome Back.... Coffee With The Chief!



"Coffee With the Chief" is back to its pre-pandemic form and we invite you to be a part of the conversation on Thursday, July 7, 2022 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Come to City Hall, located at 100 W Woodstock street for a chance to meet and have a stress free conversation with Chief Black and other members of the Crystal Lake Police Department. We will be providing light refreshments for the evening. If you are interested, reserve your seat with Officer Alfano by emailing salfano@crystallake.org.

We hope to hear from you and see you soon!

Save the Date, Antique Car Show – Sunday July 24!

The Crystal Lake Police Department will be hosting its first annual Antique Car Show to benefit Special Olympics Illinois On July 24! Do you have an antique car that you'd like to show off? Bring it down to the Brink Street Market parking lot in Downtown Crystal Lake at the corner of Brink Street & Grant Street. The Crystal Lake Police Department asks that a $25 donation to Special Olympics Illinois be made for all participating vehicles. Donations can be made in the parking lot. The lot will close once filled.



Get Ready for National Night Out!

Join The Crystal Lake Police Department on August 4, 2022, in Downtown Crystal Lake (tentative location) for National Night Out! This free family event runs from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy fun events such as:

- K-9 demonstration
- Free bicycle helmet sizing and give away (while supplies last)
- Touch-a-Truck display
- Handprints on the squad car
- Food and entertainment from local downtown businesses.



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

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

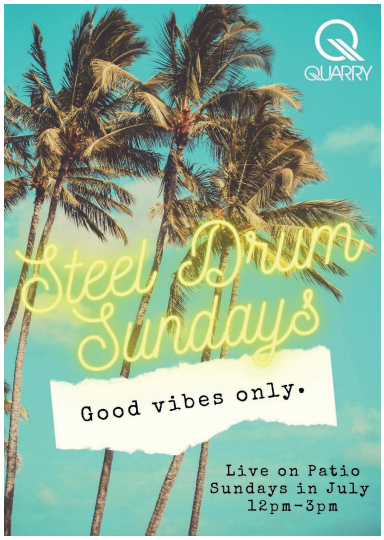
Downtown Crystal Lake: Main Street America

As a Main Street America Accredited Program, Downtown Crystal Lake is recognized as a leading program among the national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities that share a commitment to creating high-quality places and building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development.

Summer is a great time to enjoy Downtown Crystal Lake! Our lovely downtown is filled with many events and activities to take advantage of in July. The Farmers Market at Depot Park runs every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This traditional market offers produce, baked goods, flowers, plants, honey, jam, and more. Every week features a different activity in the gazebo, including children's crafts, live music, and dancers. Come for the market and stay for breakfast or lunch at one of our downtown restaurants, many of which offer al fresco dining. July is also a great time to support and shop local at our boutiques. Sidewalk Sales take place July 14-17 throughout downtown. Savor these summer months in Downtown Crystal Lake and make a day of it!

Quarry Events







CALENDAR | JULY 2022

All events at City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street

Monday, July 4
City Hall Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 5
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, July 6
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, July 19
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, July 20
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 P.M.



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