City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



Curbside Electronics Collection

The City's refuse and recycling provider, Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) will conduct curbside electronics collections between March 6 and March 10, 2023. Residents may set out a maximum of five (5) electronic items, including a limit of one (1) TV or one (1) computer monitor. Electronics will be collected on the regularly scheduled collection day for all Crystal Lake residents. LRS will conduct the next electronics collection week in September 2023.

For the complete list of items that can and cannot be accepted as part of the Electronics Collection event, see page seven.

Information regarding Curbside Electronics collection can be found on the City website using the following link, https://bit.ly/3ZJ9hiT. the City website also has information for year-round electronics collection locations in the State of Illinois.

Please contact LRS at (847) 381-9300 with any questions regarding the electronics collection event.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Citizen Survey

The Crystal Lake Police Department is conducting a citizen survey to identify citizen concerns about crime, police services, and how the City can best serve the community's needs.

Residents can complete the citizen survey by using the link on the City's website home page or by completing a hard copy in the Police Department lobby located at 100 W. Woodstock Street, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The survey will be available starting February 27 and closes on May 31, 2023, allowing residents to provide input and suggestions regarding police services.

Surveys are a valuable tool for the Police Department, providing feedback to help improve police services provided to our residents.



Super Bowl Reminder

The 57th National Football League's Super Bowl will occur on Sunday, February 12. If you plan on watching the game with alcoholic beverages, 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 or used marijuana. If you see someone getting into a car who appears impaired, please immediately dial 911; you may save a life.

Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge to benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois is back! The Crystal Lake Police Department is proud to announce that Crystal Lake's Main Beach will be hosting the regional event. This could be your chance to be bold, get cold and take the dive at Main Beach on March 5, 2023.

To register or help support the Police Department's team, scan the QR code with your phone. Any support is appreciated. We hope you will come out to support the amazing athletes!

SCAN ME

Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

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

Follow The CLPD on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest news, events, and safety tips!

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours
6:30 A.M. - Sunset

Join the Team!

Applications are being accepted to join us this season! Seasonal Lifeguards, Cashiers, Marina Attendants and an exciting opportunity of an Operations Manager are available. For all position details, visit the City of Crystal Lake Human Resources Employment page and complete an employment application today!

Marina Opening

The marina will tentatively open mid-April for row boats only. Human powered boats become available to rent once the water temperature warms up.

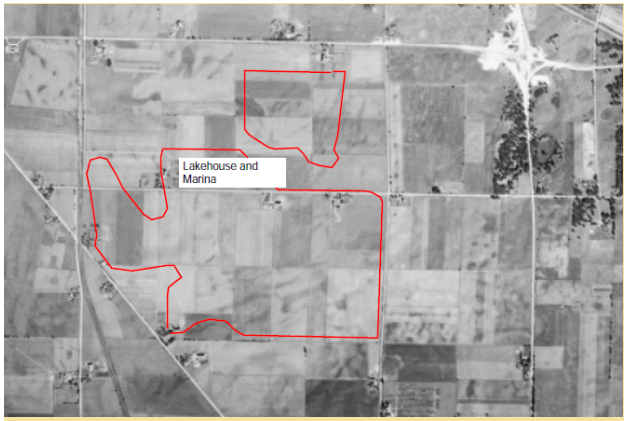
Non-Resident Dependent Care Provider Pass

Passes are available for purchase at City Hall for $20.00. Passes are valid Monday - Friday during the regular season (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

The non-resident dependent care provider and the resident child accompanied by the provider receive free parking, free beach entrance, and resident rental rates at the marina. Dependents need to be residents of Crystal Lake in order for the care provider to qualify for the pass.

History of Three Oaks

Starting in the early 1950's, Vulcan Materials began extracting sand and stone from the site known today as the Three Oaks Recreation Area. After four decades of mining, the water table was exposed and created two lakes. When Vulcan Materials completed mining in the late 1990's, the site became the property of the City of Crystal Lake. The City then began years of development planning to construct a passive recreation area. In the fall of 2010, Three Oaks Recreation Area, named after the road that once ran through the land, opened to the public.



Three Oaks 1939



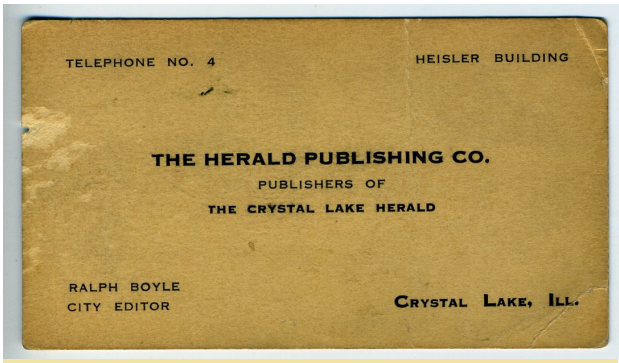
Three Oaks 2020

www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation
Information Line: (815) 356-2447 | Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333 | threeoaks@crystallake.org
5517 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

TRUE LOVE'S WORDS

DIANA KENNEY

It's Valentine's month. There is no doubt that Ralph Boyle loved Edith Purvey. Nor is there any doubt that Ralph had a way with words. We all know that words are powerful....and if you're the City Editor of the local newspaper, you use those words to report the news, express opinions, or "have a little fun" with the one you love.



Ralph Boyle Business Card

In 1926, L. Willard Cobb, owner and publisher of The Herald, hired Ralph Boyle, a recent college graduate from the University of Missouri. One has to wonder--did Cobb know that Ralph's degree was actually in Agriculture? Regardless, Ralph certainly had a way with words. He was hired as the Herald's City Editor and later became co-owner and publisher.

Edith Purvey was born in Crystal Lake. She graduated from the Crystal Lake Community High School in 1925 (the second class to graduate from the new high school building on Franklin Street). After graduating high school, Edith went to work as a bookkeeper. She worked for Dr. A.V. Lindberg, whose home and office were in the white house at the corner of Crystal Lake Avenue and Williams Street. By 1927, Edith and Ralph were "an item". Together with friends, the couple took day trips to places such as Lake Geneva and Evanston (to watch Northwestern football games). They dated for the next seven years before "tying the knot" on November 28, 1934.

Ralph and Edie were married at the St. Thomas parish house on Pierson Street by Rev. E.A. McCormick. Most marriage announcements in the newspaper are beautiful and sweet.

However, Ralph's way with words and keen sense of humor gave the Boyle's marriage announcement a bit of a "twist". The following (in part) was printed in the December 6, 1934 edition of The Herald.

"The bride was fixed up in a pretty fair looking suit that should wear quite a while before another one is necessary. There was quite a long feather on her hat which looked quite spiffy. The shoes were okey and she managed to get together a few flowers that smelled fine."

"The groom had a rather cheap overcoat but a suit that looked pretty good. It has two pair of pants and a hard finish and perhaps it is probably a good thing that it will wear a long time. The new spats couldn't be found in the bustle of getting ready and the used shoes showed up more than they should. He was clean shaven for a change."



Edith and Ralph Boyle 1935
(Photo provided by Helen Boyle Craig)

"The bride has resided in Crystal Lake all her life and got along nicely until the groom came along. The groom grew up down in Missouri, in some way or other managed to squeeze through high school and the University of Missouri. He came to work for The Herald. A few weeks ago, he got the Chief (L. Willard Cobb) to fix up a house for him to rent, and he felt right peart. Folks generally agreed that it was high time the elongated courtship was culminated one way or the other."

"The five-year-old Ford isn't so hot anymore and so the honeymoon trip was cut short because of worn tires and financial conditions in general. However, better times are on the way. The couple is sure that judicious use of advertising in The Herald is a sure way of making the Depression lift faster."

One can only imagine Edie reading the article, shaking her head, laughing and saying, "Oh, Ralph!"

Ralph and Edie eventually bought the house on Pomeroy and lived there for the rest of their lives. Edith died in 1958. Ralph died in 1972. Yep--there is no doubt that Ralph Boyle loved Edith Purvey. And she loved him.

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.
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Remembering Those Who Served

Learn about the residents of Crystal Lake who bravely served our nation in this one-of-a-kind curation of their lives.

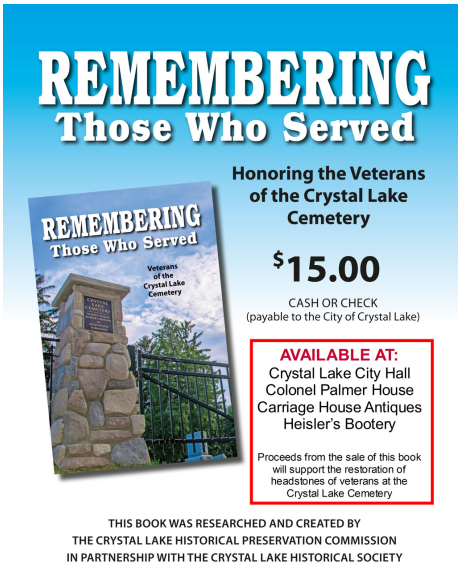
Hot off the press "Remembering Those Who Served - Honoring Veterans of the Crystal Lake Cemetery" is now available! This book was published by the Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission, a partner in preserving local history with the Crystal Lake Historical Society.

The Crystal Lake Cemetery is the oldest public burial ground in Crystal Lake and Algonquin Township. Since its establishment in 1840, nearly 1,200 burials have taken place at this cemetery, including those of 54 veterans from four different wars. The 72 pages of this book are

jam-packed with photos, revealing the life stories of these veterans as well as the efforts being made to clean and repair the gravestones that mark their final resting place.

With your $15 purchase (cash or check), you will be directly supporting the repairs and restoration of our local veterans' headstones.

Thank you for supporting Crystal Lake's history and its preservation.



Books are available for purchase and pick-up at the following locations:

- City of Crystal Lake, 100 W. Woodstock Street
- Carriage House Antiques, 21 E. Crystal Lake Avenue
- Colonel Palmer House, 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue
- Heisler's Bootery, 50 N. Williams Street

New Business Now Open

Summer Moon- 625 Cog Cir
A locally owned Crystal Lake coffee shop known for unique Oak Roasted Coffee and their signature sweet cream Moon Milk.

Beardsley's Barber Shop- 6300 Northwest Highway, Unit A
A family-owned and operated barbershop with five locations in the Chicago and St. Louis areas.

Gerber Collision & Glass- 5313 Northwest Highway
Gerber Provides auto body repair and auto glass services backed by a Lifetime Guarantee for as long as you own your vehicle.

Blue Smoke Barbecue Supply- 35 E Berkshire Road, Unit 14
Bringing the culture of barbecue to Crystal Lake with a new BBQ boutique; offering rubs, sauces, charcoal, wood pellets and a variety of grilling accessories.

Dole Avenue Reconstruction

Dole Avenue is scheduled to be reconstructed between Crystal Lake Avenue and Lakeshore Drive starting after the 4th of July parade in 2023.

The City is hosting an open house (come anytime) at City Hall on February 16th from 5pm to 7pm to discuss the proposed improvements, construction schedule, and detours during construction.

If you can't attend the open house and have questions, please contact Paul Walter, Capital Engineering Manager at pwalter@crystallake.org.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

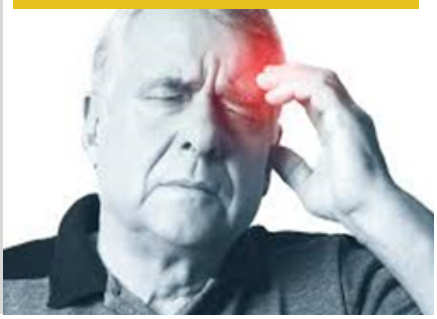
February: Heart Health Month!

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 upper body areas: Another symptom may be pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath: This symptom may occur with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs: 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 a 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 a 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.

Cardiac Arrest Symptoms



- Sudden Loss of Responsiveness: No response to tapping on shoulders.
- No Normal Breathing: The victim does not take a normal breath when you tilt the head up and check for at least five seconds.
- Time to call 9-1-1: IMMEDIATELY. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs without warning when an electrical malfunction in the heart causes an arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat), making the heart unable to pump blood to the brain, lungs, and other organs. Death occurs within minutes if the victim doesn’t receive treatment.

Life's Essential 8

The American Heart Association offers a checklist to measure cardiovascular health called “Life’s Essential 8.” To get your heart health score, visit: mlc.heart.org.



The Quarry Corner: February

The Quarry Cable Park is excited to host its second annual Galentine's Event. This popular event was such a hit in 2022 that the Quarry decided to add an additional night this year. Be sure not to miss this event on Friday, February 10 and 11 from 5 p.m.-11 p.m. Invite your gal pals and come dance the night away with a live DJ spinning hits from all your favorite female pop stars, themed drinks and festive decor. The special Galentine's Day mini market vendors will also be returning with jewelry, candles, clothing and more!

The Quarry also looks forward to its other favorite event, St. Patrick's Day, which will be celebrated at the Quarry on two separate dates this year: slainte! Visit this year on Saturday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and March 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. for live music, performances by Irish dancers, green beer, and our Irish Menu.

Tickets are on sale now at thequarrycablepark.com/shop for both events.





Electronics Collection List

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

CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2023

Wednesday, February 1
Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7:00 P.M

Tuesday, February 7
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 15
Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7:00 P.M

Thursday, February 16
Dole Avenue Reconstruction Public Meeting, 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 21
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

All Meetings at City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street

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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 www.crystallake.org.

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