City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



Economic Development Update

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

Glashaus 40th Business Anniversary
Glashaus is the North American headquarters for Weck. Weck is known for the production of glass jars and canning containers. World Market, Williams Sonoma, and The Container Store feature Weck kitchen and food storage jars. You can purchase directly from the Crystal Lake location at 450 E. Congress Parkway, Suite E.

The Freeze 25th Business Anniversary
The current owners of The Freeze are celebrating their 25th anniversary! This sweet local spot serves great ice cream, and their famous cheese fries.

NOW OPEN

Hallmark - 6124 Northwest Highway
Hallmark offers gifts and cards for every occasion, along with their famous Keepsake ornaments.

Kirin King - 446 W. Virginia Street
A new Asian cuisine sit-down restaurant serving up ramen, a variety of cooked specialty dishes, and sushi!

Game Theory Escape - 835 Virginia Road Units D & E
Checkout the new escape room venue at Game Theory Escape. Take an adventure with friends or family and compete against the clock to escape in time!

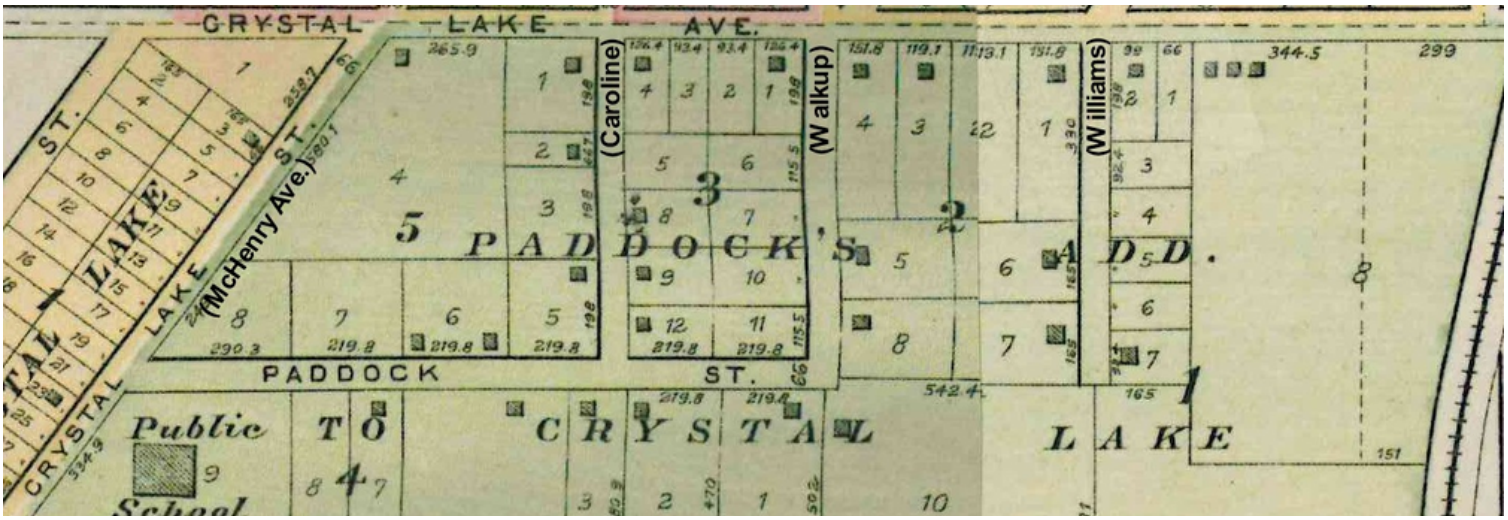
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STREET SCENES- PADDOCK STREET

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A visit to the Crystal Lake Public Library means a visit to Paddock Street, which runs east-west between McHenry Avenue and South Williams Street. The street cuts right through the land which was once the farm of Richard Paddock and family.

Richard Paddock was born February 23, 1808 in Onondaga County, New York. His father, James Paddock, served as a militiaman during the War of 1812. James was a miller by trade, operating a large saw and grist mill in New York. In 1833, Richard Paddock married Nancy Betts in New York. Shortly thereafter, several generations of Paddock family members moved west to Illinois.

The Paddock families first settled in Palos Township, Cook County, Illinois. The Palos Historical Society cites James Paddock as one of the first settlers in Palos.

In 1845, Richard, his wife Nancy, and their children moved to a farm on the north edge of Algonquin Township in McHenry County. The village of Crystal Lake was situated less than a mile southwest of the farm. At that time, the railroads did not run through McHenry County, and the village of Nunda did not exist.

Richard and Nancy Paddock had nine children: Charles, Chauncey, Sarah, Arthur, Emily, Daniel, Sylvester, Richard, and Martha. Their son, Sylvester, was a member of Co. F, 95th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers during the Civil War. He died in a Memphis hospital, from Typhoid Fever, at the age of 16.

The Paddocks lived a quiet life on their farm. Nancy Paddock passed away in 1882. Her obituary in the Nunda Herald was short and to the point: "Wed. Mrs. Richard Paddock was out in the yard. Thurs. she was a corpse. Cause, epileptic fit."

In a letter written to Nancy's niece, Richard further describes his wife's final days, "Dear Niece, Your Aunt Nancy is gone. She died two weeks ago this evening at eleven o'clock of apoplexy (stroke). She had been an invalid for years but was normal and comfortable most of the time and was smarter than usual the day and for many days previous to the day she was stricken down and died twenty minutes. Oh, how lonely everything looks to me."

After the death of his wife, Richard Paddock began to subdivide his large farm and sell the lots. The May, 4, 1883 Nunda Herald has the following announcement: "Mr. Paddock's lots will soon be all sold. No use buying if you don't intend to build—speculators' lots don't improve a town." In 1883, the Union School (at Paddock and McHenry Avenues) was built on several lots that were formerly part of the large Paddock farm. By 1887, most of the Paddock lots had been sold. Richard moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to be near his daughter Emily. Emily was a nurse and matron of a Maternity Hospital in Minneapolis.

Richard Paddock died April 15, 1895. His body was brought back from Minnesota and laid to rest at the Crystal Lake (Lake Avenue) Cemetery. Richard is buried near his wife, Nancy, son Chauncey, and daughter Sarah.

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THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours
6:30 A.M. - Sunset

August Hours Update

Marina
August 1 - 13 Daily: 6:30 a.m. to sunset
August 14 - 31 Weekdays: Closed
August 12 - 27 Weekends: 6:30 a.m. to sunset

Swim Beach
August 1 - 13 Daily: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
August 14 - September 1 Weekdays: Closed
August 19 - September 4 Weekends: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The beach will close for the season after Labor Day (Monday, September 4, 2023).

Park Partners



The Quarry Cable Park and Grille
Wakeboarding, food, and beverages are available! Please visit www.thequarrycablepark.com or call (815) 893 -0036 with any questions.

The Cottage on the Beach
Located in the Lake House, this concession offers hamburgers, hotdogs, sandwiches, nachos, frozen treats, and more!



The Board House
Stand-up paddle boards can be rented through The Board House or bring your own for a $10 launching and cleaning fee. Please call 847-943-7043 with questions.

Pet Rules

Dogs must be kept on short leashes when walking on the trails. Owners must abide by the City's Rules and Regulations relating to leashes. 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.

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

The Marina, Swim Beach, and Scuba Zone may close anytime 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.

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Lithium-ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many devices, including smartphones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

The Problem With Lithium-ion Batteries

- Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space.
- Sometimes, these batteries are not used correctly; batteries not designed for specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can catch fire, overheat or explode.

Lithium-ion Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call 9-1-1.

Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

Quick Tip

Charge your e-bike battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, and tripping hazards.



Make Your Emergency Supplies Kit



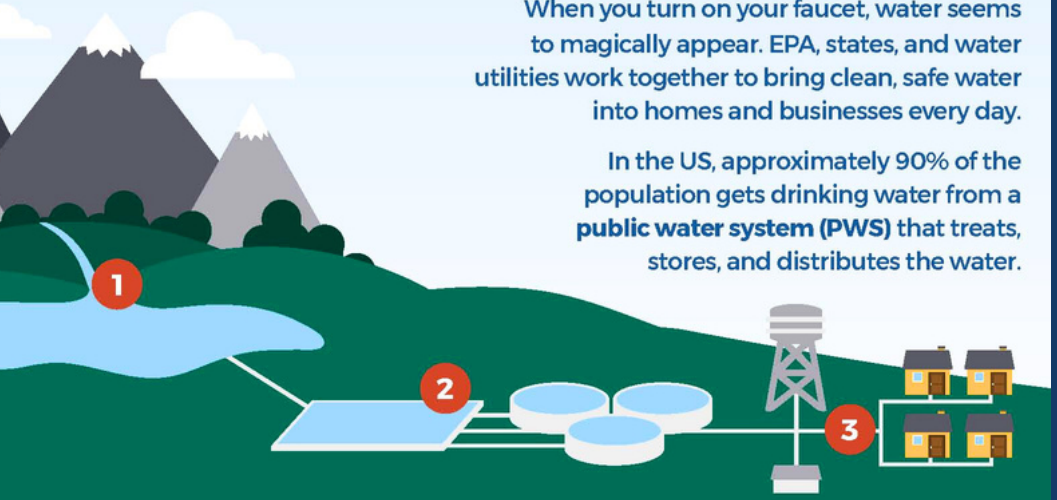
Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. Creating an emergency supplies kit helps prepare your family for a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in an emergency. Keep supplies in a container such as a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack, or other container. Kit contents include; water, ready-to-eat foods, a first aid kit, a whistle to signal for help, personal hygiene items, a flashlight with extra batteries, and more.

How does your WATER SYSTEM WORK?

EPA

When you turn on your faucet, water seems to magically appear. EPA, states, and water utilities work together to bring clean, safe water into homes and businesses every day.

In the US, approximately 90% of the population gets drinking water from a **public water system (PWS)** that treats, stores, and distributes the water.



1. Water Sources

The source of the water flowing from your tap may be hundreds—even thousands—of miles away. Most PWS use surface water as their source of water—for example, a lake, river, or reservoir—while some public water systems use ground water sources, such as aquifers.

2. Water Treatment

The PWS treats the source water to make sure it's safe. The Safe Water Drinking Act requires EPA to establish and enforce the safety standards that all PWS must follow. Treatment methods include filtration and disinfection to remove debris and bacteria.

3. Water Storage & Distribution

After treatment, the PWS may store the water in holding tanks. Eventually, the water is pumped and distributed to communities through water mains—large, buried pipes—and water lines (smaller pipes that run from the main to a residence or business).

How do I know my water is safe?

America's drinking water is among the safest in the world. If you have questions about your drinking water, customers can contact their local water supplier to get a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR lists the levels of contaminants that have been detected in the water, including those identified by the EPA, and whether the PWS meets state and EPA drinking water standards.

Types of Public Water Systems (PWS's)

There are more than 151,000 PWS in the U.S. and they fall into three different categories.

Community Water Systems (CWS)

Provide water to the same population year-round. Most people—more than 300 million—in the US get their water from a CWS.

Non-transient Non-community Water Systems (NTNC)

Provide water to the same people at least six months a year, but not all year. For example, NTNCs may serve schools or businesses that have their own water systems.

Transient Non-community Water Systems (TNC)

Provide water to areas where people don't stay for very long—for example, campgrounds.

Beware of The "Mulch Volcano"

Properly caring for and maintaining something as large and delicate as a tree can be quite the challenge. One crucial part of tree maintenance that often goes overlooked is how much mulch to apply around the trunk of the tree. Applying mulch around the trunk may seem simple and the more the merrier. While mulch around the trunk can be beneficial, it has to be done correctly.

Trees are not supposed to have a large amount of mulch placed vertically along their trunks. Doing this creates what arborists call the dreaded "mulch volcano", a situation where mulch is mounded up and around the trunk. This can lead to root damage and reduce the life of your tree!

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Placing mulch in a wide, thin layer around a tree is more beneficial for tree health, compared to a small tall pile mounded around the tree trunk. According to the University of Kansas, proper tree mulching begins with mulch starting three to six inches out from the base of the tree. Mulch should then extend out in all directions for at least three feet. Mulch placed as wide as six feet leads to improved long term success and benefits. The ring of mulch should only be two to four inches in height.

Proper mulching can have many benefits and can help to improve the overall growth of new and young trees. Mulch can assure that the tree gets the proper amount of water needed for roots to grow and this has been proven to almost double the growth rate of trees.

Information on this topic was provided by K-State Research and Extension, use the following link to access the full article: https://bit.ly/3OjUMhW

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ordinance Reminder

Did you know a local ordinance and an Illinois State Statute (625 ILCS 5/11-1426.1) prohibit operating a golf cart within the City of Crystal Lake?

Our local ordinance, "Certain wheeled vehicles prohibited from streets" states:

It shall be unlawful for any person to skateboard or be on a coaster, toy vehicle, or any type of wheeled vehicle other than a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or bicycle on any public street or City owned property except when crossing a street at a designated crosswalk.

Additionally, golf carts cannot be driven on the sidewalk.

If you have any questions about the use of golf carts, you can call our non-emergency number, 815-356-3620, and ask to speak to an officer.

Back-to-School Safety Tips

Time is flying by! August is already here, so school is back in session this month! Motorists, please be mindful and focus on the roadway while driving! We would like to remind you of some safety tips to be aware of regarding school zones, crosswalks, crossing guards, and school bus stop signals.

Please also be aware of school zone posted speed limits! Failure to obey the school speed zone could result in serious consequences and fines.

It is against the law to pass a bus in either direction while the bus's stop sign is out and children are loading or unloading.

Illinois State Statute (625 ILCS 5/11-1414) states:

The driver of a vehicle shall stop such vehicle before meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus stopped on a highway, roadway, private road, parking lot, school property, or at any other location, including, without limitation, a location that is not a highway or roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils." Furthermore, it states, "the driver of the vehicle shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the driver of the vehicle is signaled by the school bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer actuated.

The Crystal Lake Police Department is dedicated to keeping our students safe, we wish them all a safe and great school year!

Back-to-School Backpack Program

The Crystal Lake Police Department held its annual Back-to-School Backpack Program event in July. Almost 70 students from District 47, grades K-8, were provided with school supplies and backpacks for the upcoming school year! We want to extend our appreciation to District 47, Round Lake Beach Meijer, Crystal Lake Target, Crystal Lake Sam's Club, and Crystal Lake Home State Bank for the assistance!

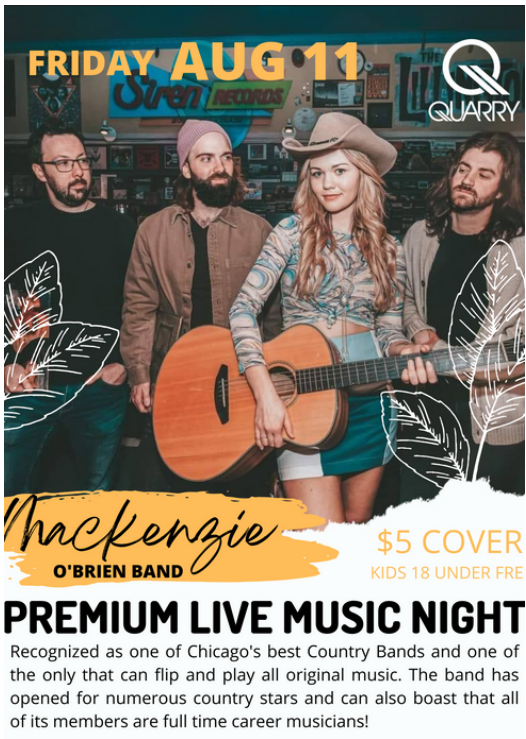
Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620
Officer Kristiana Stolzman - (815) 356-3673 or by email at kstolzman@crystallake.org

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

The Quarry at Three Oaks Events







CALENDAR | AUGUST 2023

All Meetings at City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street

Tuesday, August 1
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 2
Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 3
Historic Preservation Commission, 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 15
City Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 16
Sustainability Committee Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 16
Planning and Zoning Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

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