City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



Dole Avenue Reconstruction Project

The City of Crystal Lake began stage two of the Dole Avenue Reconstruction project in February. Stage two of the project will include work along Dole Avenue between Lakeshore Drive and US Route 14. This will include upgrades to the watermain and water services, spot repairs of the existing storm sewers, and full reconstruction of the roadway, including new curb and gutter, driveway aprons, sidewalk, and bike lane enhancements.

During this stage, southbound traffic on Dole Avenue within the work zone will be detoured along US Route 14 to McHenry Avenue to Lake Avenue. Northbound traffic through the work zone will remain open. For the safety of our residents, Lakeshore Drive will be closed at Pierson Street to prevent cut-through traffic by motorists trying to avoid the detour. This traffic configuration is expected to remain in place until June 28, 2024.

Additionally, the annual Chamber of Commerce Independence Day parade that historically runs down Dole Avenue will be impacted by this construction, as stage three of the project will run through the fall. A temporary parade route will be announced soon.

For further information on the Dole Avenue Reconstruction project, please visit the City of Crystal Lake's project page on our website at https://bit.ly/3XKoi3C.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

St. Patrick's Day



Don't push your luck this St. Patrick's Day, designate a sober driver!

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, the Crystal Lake Police Department is reminding motorists to plan ahead for a sober ride home to keep celebrations from turning deadly.

In addition to patrolling for alcohol and drug-impaired drivers, the Crystal Lake Police Department will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are at their lowest. Speed limits and distracted driving laws will be strictly enforced. Two simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for driving under the influence are designating a sober driver and not allowing friends to drive impaired.

Spring Safety Tips

With the arrival of spring, the Crystal Lake Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the community.



As you embrace the outdoors and enjoy the longer days, take proactive steps in safeguarding your home. Conduct a thorough review of your home's security measures by locking doors and windows, and consider additional outdoor lighting to deter potential intruders.

As outdoor activities increase, remain vigilant about your surroundings, whether jogging, biking, or enjoying a leisurely stroll. If you observe anything unusual or suspicious, please report it!

Remember to secure valuables in your vehicles and park in well-lit areas. Collective awareness and cooperation significantly contributes to the safety of our neighborhood.

Nixle, Facebook, Instagram, and Tip411

Stay connected! Subscribe to Nixle text alerts by texting 60014 to 888777 to receive community updates and real-time alerts from the Crystal Lake Police Department, City Hall, and Public Works right on your phone. For anonymous tips, text CLPDTIP along with the tip information to 847411 (tip411). Normal text messaging rates do apply. Scan the QR codes below to follow the Police Department social media pages for more community news and updates.



Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620

Officer Kristiana Stolzman - (815) 356-3673 or kstolzman@crystallake.org

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

Curbside Electronics Collection Event: March 4 - 8

LRS will be conducting curbside electronics collection during the week of March 4 - 8, 2024. Residents may set out a maximum of five electronic items, including a limit of one TV or one computer monitor. The electronics will be collected on residents' regularly scheduled collection day. LRS will conduct the next electronics collection week in September.

The following table details which items may and may not be set out for electronics collection.

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

Acceptable Electronic Items	
One Television or One Computer Monitor	Fax Machines and Printers
Cell Phones, Telephones, and Tablets	Holiday Lights
Cameras	Modems
CD Players	Paper Shredders
Computer Drives	Satellite Receivers
Cords and Cables	Scanners
Electronic Mice and Keyboards	Stereos and Video Game Consoles

Items NOT Accepted	
Air Conditioners	Hair Dryers and Hair Irons
Batteries	Humidifiers
Appliances and Refrigerators	Liquids or Chemical Waste
Battery Operated Toys	Smoke and Fire Detectors
Coffee Makers	Packaging Materials
Computer Disks	Microwaves
Dishwashers	Water Softeners

The next electronics collection event will take place in September.

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

The City of Crystal Lake Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024.

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.

As a reminder, the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony 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.

For questions about the application or parade, please contact Melanie Nebel at 815-459-2020 or mnebel@crystallake.org.



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: _____ Number 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, judgements, cost and expenses (including attorney fees), which may in any way 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 in 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)

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours
6:30 A.M. - Sunset

Employment Opportunities

The Three Oaks Recreation Area is currently hiring Lifeguards and Attendants for the 2024 season.

Lifeguards
Lifeguards must obtain Red Cross certification prior to the beginning of the season. However, potential applicants can apply before receiving certification.

Attendants
This is a seasonal position where applicants are responsible for assisting patrons at the park through duties related to the entrances at the parking gate and swim beach, supporting the scuba zone operations and all boat rental aspects in the marina.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age at the time of hire. For all position details, visit the City of Crystal Lake Human Resources Employment page.



Opening Dates

Marina
The Marina will tentatively open for the season on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

- The Marina will be open on weekends only (Saturday and Sunday) in April.
- Only row boats will be available in April due to the cold weather. Our entire fleet of boats will be available at the Marina in May.

Swim Beach
The Swim Beach will tentatively open for the season on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Scuba Zone
The Scuba Zone will tentatively open in May, weather permitting.

Open Water Swim
Open Water Swim (OWS) is described as distance swimming beyond the boundaries of the beach's buoy markers only on select dates. OWS will be held on Thursdays and Saturdays in June and July. There will be no OWS on July 4th or 6th due to the holiday. The OWS schedule can be seen below.

OWS Thursdays | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
June 6, 13, 20, & 27
July 11, 18, & 25

OWS Saturdays | 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
June 8, 15, 22, & 29
July 13, 20, & 27

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

FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Poison Prevention Week

National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) is March 17-23, 2024. The goal is to raise awareness around poison prevention and safety. In 2022, U.S. Poison Centers responded to about 2,427,974 cases. Of those cases, the most common poison exposures were from household cleaning supplies, antihistamines, antidepressants, analgesics, and cosmetic/personal care items.

However, during the colder months of the year, there is an increased number of reported carbon monoxide (CO) exposures. Carbon monoxide poisoning is incredibly dangerous and is often referred to as 'The Silent Killer'. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas that could easily go undetected if the proper equipment is not present in a home or building.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Can Include:

- Headache - Dizziness - Shortness of Breath - Weakness - Nausea - Vomiting - Chest Pain - Mental Confusion - Loss of Consciousness

These symptoms may lead to death.

How to Prevent CO Poisoning:

- Make sure CO alarms are installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of a home.
- Test CO alarms once a month to make sure they are working properly and replace alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Never run or warm a vehicle in a garage, even if the garage door is open.
- Never use a generator inside your home. When using a generator outside, make sure it is at least 20 feet from any windows, doors, or vent openings.
- Clear away any snow that is blocking a vent for a dryer, stove, furnace, or fireplace.
- Only use gas or charcoal grills outside.
- Have your furnace and water heater serviced by a qualified technician every year.



POISON HELP 1-800-222-1222

#NPPW24

Sources: nfpa.org, nsc.org, & poisoncenters.org

Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department
(815) 356-3640

ROSE MILLER KELLOGG

DIANA KENNEY

Rose Miller Kellogg was hardly the delicate flower that her name implies!

Rose Miller was born on July 15, 1872 in Crystal Lake. Her parents, William and Margaret Miller, moved to Crystal Lake in 1864. William was a wagon maker and had a shop on Virginia Street. The Miller family home was located on South McHenry Avenue. In later years, this home was owned by the Pfeiffer family. The site is currently occupied by nine homes recently erected by Habitat for Humanity.

Rose's early education was at the Crystal Lake school, a small two-story brick structure located near today's St. Thomas School off Pierson Street. She attended Union School for her high school education. In 1890, Rose sat for (and passed) the McHenry County teacher's examination. She then taught elementary students at Union School for the next twenty years.

When Rose was 40 years old she married Charles W. Kellogg, who was 22 years older than Rose. Charles W. Kellogg was a practicing attorney in Chicago. He and his first wife, Lizzie had moved to Crystal Lake in 1903 after purchasing the Alexander Dike house and surrounding property on Virginia Street, just west of Dole Avenue. Their house was built of cobblestones by local stone mason Andrew Jackson Simons and was first owned by James Pierson. A one-story telephone company building stands at the location today. Much of the surrounding property was renamed Kellogg's Addition to Crystal Lake, subdivided into lots and sold at a hefty profit.

Charles and Lizzie Kellogg had no children, but they had plenty of money and loved to travel! In 1906, the couple traveled to the Mediterranean, Egypt, the Holy Land, Italy, France, Spain and Greece. Kellogg wrote letters to The Herald with descriptions of their adventures. The Kelloggs were good friends with Rose Miller's family, and comments in the newspaper often linked the two families on local excursions. The friendship between Charles Kellogg and Rose Miller began to blossom. Charles and his wife Lizzie divorced, freeing him up to marry Rose.

Charles Kellogg continued working as a successful attorney. He was the executor for the much-publicized Alfred Barber case, earning over $75,000 for his services. It's interesting to note, that Barber was Lizzie Kellogg's uncle and she only inherited $20,000 from her uncle's estate.

Charles Kellogg and his second wife Rose also loved to travel. In 1916, they took a whirlwind trip to Central and South America, visiting 18 countries!

Charles W. Kellogg died on October 9, 1924 at his father in law's home on McHenry Avenue. His assets were substantial and Rose Miller Kellogg was set to live a comfortable life. One of the first things she did was design and build a beautiful brick home on several of the lots in Kellogg's Addition. Originally known to have an Oriole Trail address, the address was later changed to "Kellogg Lane".



Rose Kellogg's House – ca 1926

Rose Kellogg continued traveling throughout the United States and around the globe. The newspapers are filled with notes about her trips to New Orleans, California, Florida, Hawaii, Mexico, the British Isles, Holland, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and more!

Always ready to express her opinion, Rose Kellogg spoke out at school board meetings against the high school principal, D.M. Ewing, who she felt was a bully and should be fired. Students at the school agreed and even organized a strike in 1938!

Not to be bullied herself, Rose worked closely with police in 1932 when she began to receive threatening extortion letters if she did not hand over $5,000 in cash. Bravely, she helped lure the extortionist with a ploy of providing the cash. This led to his immediate arrest and conviction.

Despite her tough façade, Rose Kellogg was very civic-minded.

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In the 1930s, she worked on a committee to help unemployed residents find jobs. Rose was active with the Public Welfare Association by serving on its board of directors and organizing tag days to raise money to purchase milk for needy children. In the 1940s, she was very active in the American Red Cross, volunteering as a "Gray Lady" helping wounded veterans at Downey Veterans Hospital (north of Chicago, near Great Lakes). She also served on the Woman's Auxiliary of the Woodstock Public Hospital.

Perhaps Rose's best-known contribution to our community came when the Crystal Lake Public Library sought to have a building of its own in the early 1940s. Up until then, the library operated out of borrowed or rented space. The American Legion agreed to donate property on Paddock Street to the library.

Rose Kellogg agreed to donate $12,000 to erect the building. Unfortunately, WWII got in the way of construction. By the 1950s, the library was ready to build, but needed more than Mrs. Kellogg's $12,000. Instead, a challenge was issued to the community to match her funds, and our first library building was erected!

Rose died on October 4, 1955 at the age of 83. Plaques and praises for her civic efforts were presented at the library, hospital and Red Cross offices. Rose Miller Kellogg was educated, generous, bold, well-traveled, interesting – but this Rose certainly was no delicate flower!

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.

Lucky to Have Downtown Crystal Lake

As March ushers in the promise of spring and a touch of luck in the air, a reflection on how fortunate Crystal Lake is to have the gem of Downtown is not to be forgotten. The vibrant community, eclectic shops, and delightful restaurants make every day feel like a stroke of good fortune.

Spread Luck on Every Corner
This March, spread the luck by embracing the beauty of Downtown Crystal Lake. You'll discover the luck-themed ambiance that permeates the streets from the cozy shops to the lively eateries.

Celebrate Local Businesses
The Crystal Lake community is made richer by the dedicated individuals and business owners who put their hearts into making Downtown a destination to be proud of. Help support and celebrate these local establishments!

Ladies Night Out
Save the date! Ladies Night Out is on Thursday, April 18th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It's the perfect opportunity to gather your friends and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, shopping, and delightful surprises.

Whether you're looking to treat yourself or find the perfect gift for someone special, Ladies Night Out is a fantastic occasion to indulge in the unique offerings downtown has to offer.



For more information on news and upcoming events Downtown, visit www.downtowncl.org.

Spring 2024 Full System Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Section 1 – March 18 – March 22
North of IL Route 176 and East of US Route 14, East of Terra Cotta Road and North of Crystal Lake Avenue

Section 2 - March 25 – March 29
South of IL Route 176 to US Route 14, East of Main Street to IL Route 31 (south of Crystal Lake Avenue), East of Pingree Road and South of US Route 14 to Walmart

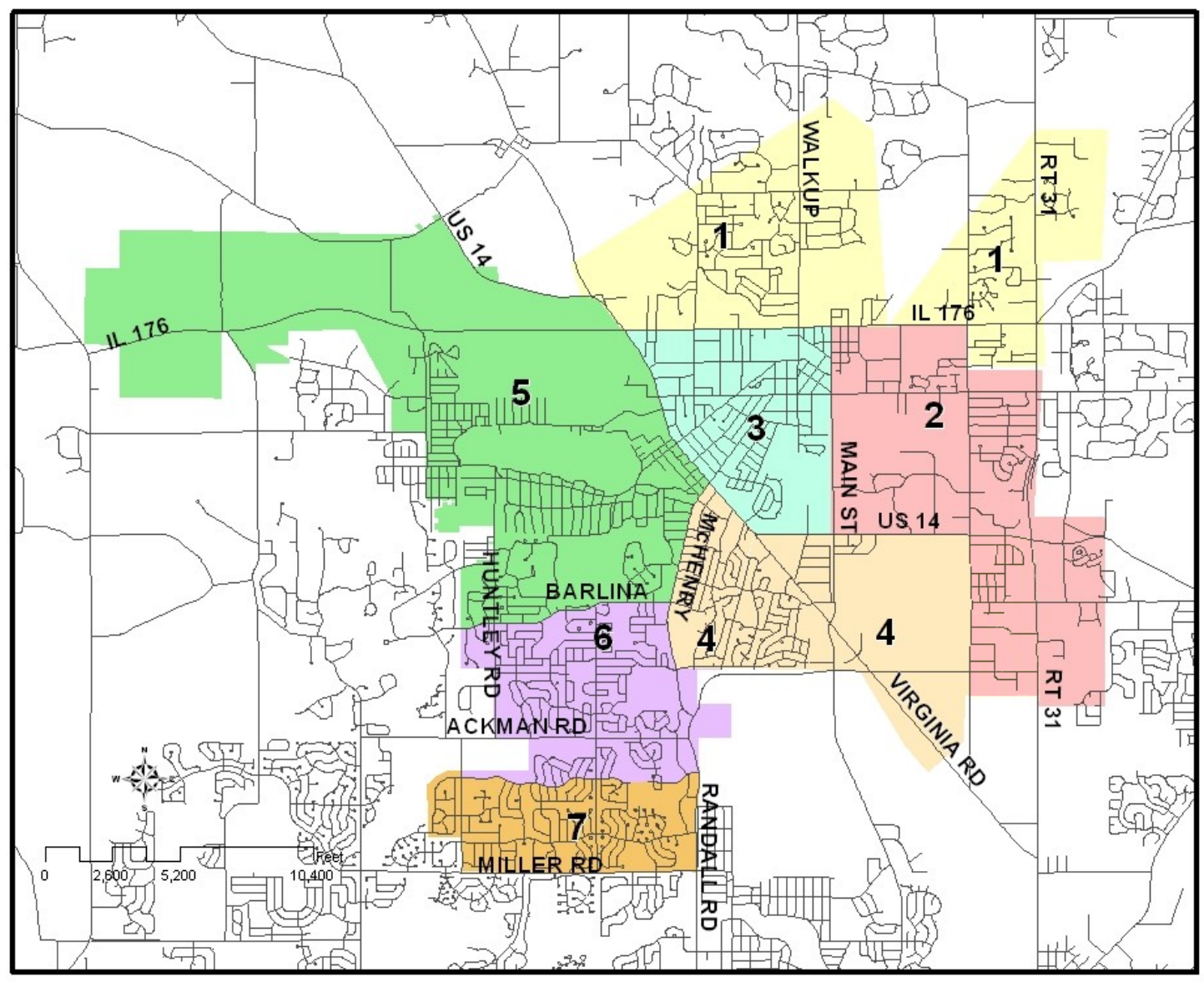
Section 3 - April 1 – April 5
South of IL Route 176 to US Route 14, East of US Route 14 to Main Street

Section 4 – April 8 – April 12
South of US Route 14, East of McHenry Avenue to West of Pingree Road

Section 5 – April 15 – April 19
West of US Route 14 and McHenry Avenue, North of Barlina Road

Section 6 – April 22 – April 26
South of Barlina Road to Alexandra Boulevard, West of McHenry Avenue and West of Randall Road

Section 7 – April 29 – May 3
South of Alexandra Boulevard to Miller Road, West of Randall Road



CLEARLY CRYSTAL LAKE CORNER

NEW BUSINESSES

Crystal Lake is continues to grow and attract new businesses. Recently, the City of Crystal Lake shared a recap of accomplishments from 2023 and discussed anticipated growth for 2024. The 2024 State of the Community video can be viewed on the City webite or at https://bit.ly/STOTC2024.

NOW OPEN

Kest Jewelry - 5899 Northwest Highway, Suite B
Previously exclusively on Etsy and at artisan markets throughout the area, this woman-owned business opened their first brick-and-mortar store featuring custom hand-stamped, permanent and removable jewelry pieces.

Crystal Lake Junction - 88 Railroad Street, Unit B
Adding new variety to the restaurant scene, Crystal Lake Junction serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. In the morning, they offer breakfast sandwiches, pastries, espresso drinks and coffee. For the lunch and dinner crowd, Mediterranean inspirations, burgers, protein bowls, and “wacky” grilled cheeses alongside mocktails and picture worthy milkshakes!

Off the Vine Wine Shop - 129 N. Main Street
Owners of Vine and Plate bring the newest retail store in downtown Crystal Lake. Off the Vine Wine Shop offers a variety of wines, spirits and beer, and merchandise. Perfect for treating yourself or finding a gift for someone.

BUSINESSES COMING IN 2024

KD Market - 29 Crystal Lake Plaza
A Polish grocery store that has been serving the Chicago area since 1998. The Crystal Lake location plans to open this summer and be the grocer's largest store at approximately 41,000 square feet. The grocer’s newest location will continue its traditional offerings, but also looks to expand its product selection to include a more diverse range of international foods and in-store dining.

Starbucks
A 2,500 square-foot Starbucks will be located at the southeast corner of Randall Road and Meredith Drive next to the CVS near Crystal Lake South High School.

La Rosita - 230 Virginia Street, Unit 100
A family-owned chain of local markets and taquerias located in the Country Corners Shopping Center. The new 40,000 square-foot grocery store will feature traditional offerings alongside their new hot and cold grab-and-go food, with a large selection of pre-made meals.

Sierra - 5786 Northwest Highway
A bargain retailer like TJ Maxx, but for outside gear and sporting clothes, offering a wide variety of known quality brands at discount prices.

The Quarry Corner



The Quarry Cable Park is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Jimmy Marquis on Saturday, March 16th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at The Quarry. Themed food and beverage, festive decor, corned beef specials and a set of traditional Irish music and artists from Ireland await! Get ready to rock your shamrocks off with his electrifying performance! Tickets for general admission or special tickets for one free, green beer and a party favor are available. This is a 21+ event.

Please contact The Quarry Cable Park with any questions at events@thequarrycablepark.com.



Photo provided by The Quarry Cable Park

CALENDAR | MARCH 2024

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

Wednesday, March 6
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 7
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 13
Public Arts Commission Meeting
8:00 A.M.

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

Wednesday, March 20
Sustainability Committee Meeting
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 20
Planning and Zoning Commission 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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