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CITYLETTER



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Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market

The Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market has served the Crystal Lake community for more than a quarter of a century. The market brings customers to the historic downtown district, home to over 180 locally-owned businesses. Downtown Crystal Lake's Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Depot Park (Woodstock Street & Williams Street) from June 15 through September 28. This traditional market offers a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, plants, flowers, honey, olive oils, syrups, jams, jellies, dog treats, and much more!

The market also features family-friendly activities such as children's crafts, demonstrations, and music. Stroll and shop the market, then enjoy breakfast or lunch at one of the many downtown restaurants. Don't forget to pop into your favorite shops and make a day of it!

Additional information about the Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market is available at: https://downtowncl.org/farmers-market/ or (815) 479-0835.

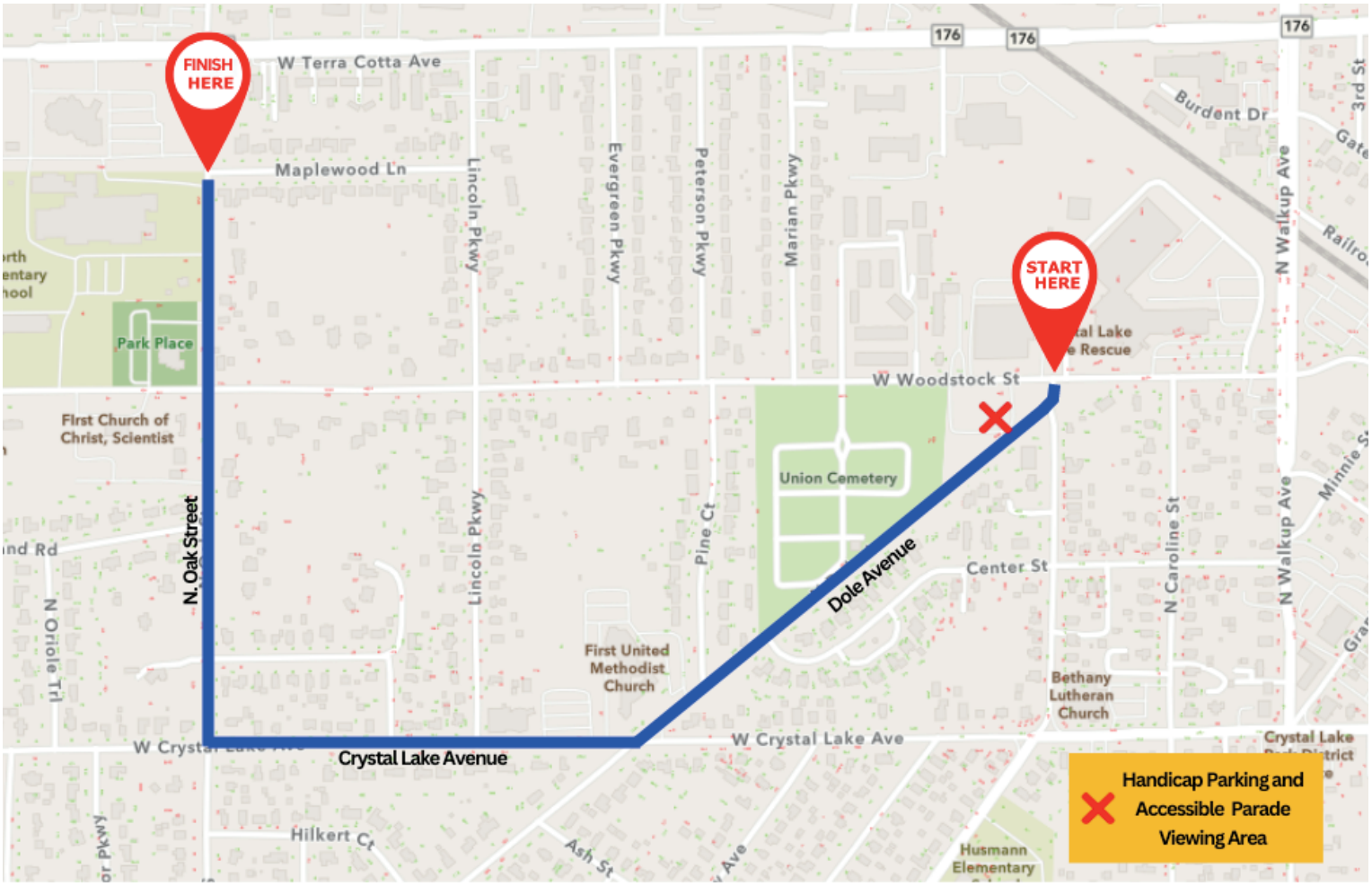
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2024 Independence Day Parade Route Change

The City of Crystal Lake, in keeping with tradition, will be celebrating Independence Day with the much-anticipated parade and fireworks. This year's Independence Day parade offers a fresh twist. While Dole Avenue is receiving a much needed makeover, the parade will take a new route, bringing the excitement to a different neighborhood. The parade will kick off on Sunday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall (100 W. Woodstock Street), head down Dole Avenue, and proceed west onto Crystal Lake Avenue. At Oak Street, the parade with continue north and end at the Oak Street entrance to St. Thomas Church. The parking lot at St. Thomas will be used as a float unloading area and drive through to pick up parade participants. The lot will not be available for parade spectator parking.



Accessible Parade Viewing Area

An accessible viewing area and handicap parking area for the Independence Day parade will be located in the parking lot at the corner of Woodstock Street and Dole Avenue at the start of the parade route. Signage will mark the designated area and access point.

The location is shown to the right and on the previous page.



Lakeside Festival

Don't miss out on the Annual Lakeside Festival, held on the grounds of the historic Dole Mansion from Thursday, July 4th through Sunday, July 7th. The festival features live music, food booths, midway games, carnival rides, and a fun family atmosphere. The event is made possible thanks in large part to many hardworking volunteers and sponsors.

Lakeside Fest Schedule	
Thursday, July 4	Noon - 11:00 p.m.
Friday, July 5	Noon - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 6	Noon - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 7	Noon - 10:00 p.m.

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 City of Crystal Lake sponsored 2024 fireworks show on Sunday, July 7th. The fireworks will launch from Crystal Lake at dusk near Main Beach. The fireworks promise a grand show for the entire family to enjoy.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy Independence Day.

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

Downtown Crystal Lake Pride Walk & Social

The first annual Downtown Crystal Lake Pride Walk & Social will take place on Sunday, June 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join together at the corner of Williams Street & Crystal Lake Avenue at 11:00 a.m. in your most colorful apparel. No streets will be closed for this simple, joyful, meaningful community walk, which will take place on the sidewalk of Williams Street to Depot Park. After the walk, plan to stay at the park to eat and socialize, shop the craft fair supporting LGBTQ+ owned small businesses and makers, and connect with non-profits for community resources and education.



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Summer is here which means it is time to brush up on some summer fire safety tips! Are you planning on grilling or having a campfire this summer? If so, review the safety tips below to help ensure that your summer plans do not get interrupted by an unexpected fire or injury.

Grilling Safety

- Never leave your grill unattended while cooking.
- Before lighting your grill, make sure the lid is open.
- A grill should be located a good distance away from your home, deck railings, and kept away from overhanging branches.
- You should only use your grill outside.
- Check the gas tank on your propane grill for leaks before using it.
- Establish a 3-foot perimeter around your grilling area to keep kids and pets at a safe distance.
- Double check that you have turned off your gas grill and propane tank once you have finished cooking.
- Remember to clean your grill. Remove fat or grease buildup from the grill and the trays below the grill.



Sources: U.S Fire Administration & NFPA.org

Campfire Safety

- Make sure your campfire is at least 25 feet away from any structure or anything that can burn.
- Before starting a campfire, clear sticks, branches, leaves, etc. from the surrounding area.
- Try to avoid having a campfire on very windy or dry days. These conditions can make it easier to lose control over a campfire.
- Always supervise children and pets around a campfire. Do not let children or pets stand or play too close to the campfire.
- Supervise children while they are roasting marshmallows. Do not shake a roasting marshmallow, especially if it is on fire. A marshmallow that is on fire could cause injury or a fire if it were to end up outside of a fire pit area or land on a person.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Keep your campfire small. Smaller campfires are easier to control.
- Do not use gasoline or other types of flammable liquids/accelerants on your campfire.
- Have a bucket of water or hose nearby in case you need to extinguish the campfire quickly.
- Make sure your campfire is fully extinguished before leaving it unattended.



Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department (815) 356-3640

Follow the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department on Facebook for safety tips, events, and community updates!

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kiddos! We Need Your Help!

National Night Out is right around the corner, tentatively scheduled for August 8th! What is National Night Out without the annual National Night Out T-Shirt Design contest? If you have a Crystal Lake Elementary School District 47 student in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, we need their help! The image to the right is last year's design winner.

We are looking for a shirt that ties the Crystal Lake Police Department in with the Crystal Lake Community. Participants will have until mid-June to submit a design to Officer Kris at kstolzman@crystallake.org. The exact date will be announced on the Crystal Lake Police Department social media pages or by contacting Officer Kris.



National Safety Month

June is National Safety Month. The Crystal Lake Police Department is proud to participate in raising awareness about the importance of safety in our community. Throughout the month, we will be sharing valuable tips and resources on various safety topics on the Police Department social media pages.

Prioritize safety by ensuring your home is locked and secure, never leave your vehicle unattended with its windows down or doors unlocked, and never leave children or pets unattended in vehicles.

Let's make safety a priority every day and create a safer community for all.



Coffee With the Chief

Join the Crystal Lake Police Department on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for Coffee with the Chief! This is a great opportunity to enjoy coffee and conversation with Chief Black.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the conversation topic. Keep an eye on our social media pages or contact Officer Kris for updates.

Reserve your seat by emailing or calling Officer Kris. Hope to see you there!

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!

Drinking Water Quality Report

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

The SDWA requires that all water utilities produce and distribute a water quality report each year, which is also called a Consumer Confidence Report. This report includes a comparison of drinking water test results to federal drinking water standards, information about municipal water sources and an overview of treatment processes.

The Crystal Lake Public Works Department is committed to providing safe water to our residents and 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?id=23231

If you would like a paper copy mailed to your home, please call: (815) 356 – 3614.

Construction Updates

While several construction projects are ongoing throughout the City, stay up to date on the progress of these projects by visiting https://bit.ly/3VYvA2I.

Current projects include:

- Dole Avenue Reconstruction
- 2024 Street Resurfacing
- Three Oaks at Lutter/Sands Road (coming soon!)
- Highland Avenue and Spruce Lane Water Main Improvements
- Well 19 Transmission Main



THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours
6:30 A.M. - Sunset

Open Water Swim

Open Water Swim is described as distanced swimming beyond the boundaries of the regular swim beach on select dates and times only. This is a special session that is in addition to the regular swim beach operation hours.

Registration and check-in begins 60 minutes prior to scheduled start times. The Open Water Swim fee is $5.00 each session, per participant.

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

Scuba Zone

General Rules

- The minimum age to dive is 12 years of age. Divers 12-17 years of age must be accompanied by a certified dive instructor or a certified parent/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 along with a photo ID.
- Registration, check-in, and the daily dive fee must be completed before entering the water.

Facility Amenities

- Easy-access walkways from the parking area
- Secured, fenced area for equipment
- Privacy changing rooms
- Three training platforms with buoy markers
- Submerged concrete culverts for training
- Rinse/shower station
- Picnic area
- Beach access and private dock access to scuba diving area

Hours

Marina
6:30 a.m. to Sunset, weather permitting

Swim Beach
10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., weather permitting

Scuba Zone
8:00 a.m. to Sunset, weather permitting

The Marina, Swim Beach, OWS 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.

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

Raffle FAQs

Did you know, raffles are governed in Illinois by a law called the Raffles and Poker Runs Act? This allows the City of Crystal Lake to license raffles within the community for non-profit organizations. Below are frequently asked questions about raffles providing an opportunity to learn more about them!

What type of non-profit can apply for a raffle license?

- Bona fide religious, charitable, labor, fraternal, educational, or veteran organizations that operate without profit to their members. By law, raffle licenses can only be issued to non-profit organizations.

How long must the non-profit organization be in existence before applying for a raffle license?

- State law requires organizations to be in existence continuously for a minimum of 5 years before they are eligible to hold a raffle license.

I own a business and would like to hold a raffle and donate the proceeds to a non-profit of my choice. Can I do that?

- No. While it may be best intentions, only non-profit organizations are eligible to hold raffle licenses.

My organization is not located in Crystal Lake, but our event is being held here. Can we apply?

- Yes, any non-profit organization holding a raffle in the City of Crystal Lake must apply for a raffle license.

How long does it take for a license to be approved?

- Please allow up to ten business days for the license to be issued. This should include ten business days **BEFORE** the sale of tickets begins, not just the raffle date itself.





Can I sell raffle tickets online?

- Yes. However, tickets may only be sold throughout the state of Illinois as other states may have different laws.

I have several prizes worth different amounts. Is there a limit to how much I can raffle off?

- All prizes/merchandise combined, including ticket sales cannot exceed $250,000 in one raffle.

I have alcohol as part of a prize, is that allowed?

- Yes. However, since there is a purchase of a raffle ticket, having alcohol as a prize is considered the sale of alcohol, which is prohibited without a liquor license. You must apply for a Class 20 Temporary Liquor License in order to have alcohol as a prize, which requires City Council approval. City Council meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

What do I do after the raffle?

- A raffle report is included with the issuance of the raffle license. The raffle manager must submit the report to the City no later than one month following the raffle drawing date. If the winner(s) donated their items/money back to the organization, this must be indicated on the raffle report.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

- Please contact Alaina Skurski in the City Manager's Office at 815-459-2020 or askurski@crystallake.org.



RAISE YOUR HAND FOR CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

DIANA KENNEY

Last Fall, Crystal Lake Central High School hosted a 100th Anniversary celebration for its school building on Franklin Street. The road to building the school was anything but straight and easy.

Prior to 1919, a high school education was mostly available to students who lived within the city limits. Children who lived on the surrounding farms attended country schools, whose teachings stopped at 8th grade. Tuition was charged if they wished to attend the high school in Crystal Lake. Students within the city limits could attend high school without this additional charge.

In 1919, Crystal Lake, like other communities in McHenry County, wanted to take advantage of a new state law and establish a high school district to include both the city, rural and surrounding communities such as Cary, Fox River Grove and Terra Cotta. The proposed district included 63 sections of Nunda, Algonquin, Dorr and Grafton townships. Establishing a high school district would eliminate tuition and replace the revenue by fairly taxing all property owners within the district. This would expand higher educational opportunities for all students within the district.

The first vote to establish the high school district was held October 25, 1919. Lack of interest in the proposition defeated the proposition by a vote of 26 for and 34 against. Those who understood the need for the district went to work in educating the public to its advantages. Six weeks later, a second election was held and the proposition passed by a vote of 361 for and 17 against. W.J. Kittle, Charles T. Allen, Alva H. Hale, Lynn W. Richards, L.R. Lippold were then elected as the first directors on the Board of Education.



Community High School - ca.1926

The Crystal Lake Community High School District #155 started out by renting the old high school building on Paddock Street, owned by District 47, for $3,900 per year. This space could not keep up with the growth of high school student enrollment. Two years later, the need to build a new high school was quite apparent.

The vote to erect a new high school was a four-part question: 1) authorize the Board to build, 2) authorize the Board to purchase a site, 3) locate a site for the building, and 4) authorize the Board to issue bonds for purchasing the site and erecting a building. The vote was first held on Saturday, December 24, 1921. Why they would choose Christmas Eve as an election day is anyone's guess! The turnout was dismal and only the first two parts were approved. Once again, a push to educate the public for the need of all four proposals to pass was made. The third question of location was perhaps the murkiest question on the original ballot. On February 4, 1922, a new vote was taken on the 3rd and 4th questions. Voters were given specific choices for the location of the high school: the Wallace Property (Franklin Street) or the Peterson Property (Woodstock Street, across from the cemetery). Franklin Street was the voter's choice, and the issuance of bonds to spread out the payments was also approved.

Construction started on the new school building in the Spring of 1923. It took a full year to complete the construction. In May 1924, students were finally attending classes in the new building, and the first graduating class of 40 students (the largest class to date) received their diplomas on the stage of the new auditorium.

Today, Crystal Lake Community High School is known as Crystal Lake Central High School. Due to the increase in population, two additional high schools have been built in Crystal Lake.

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CLEARLY CRYSTAL LAKE CORNER

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

Crystal Lake is home to 2,560 businesses comprised of 27,420 employees. Over the next few months, Crystal Lake's top four largest manufacturers from smallest to largest will be highlighted.

In April, Technipaq, Inc. was featured as the fourth largest. Last month, Clayens was featured as the third largest. See below for Crystal Lake's second largest manufacturer.

APTAR

Aptar is the second largest manufacturing employer in Crystal Lake with 475 employees at the Crystal Lake location. AptarGroup is a known leader in the design and manufacturing of a broad range of drug delivery, consumer product dispensing, and active material science solutions and services for the pharmaceutical, beauty, personal care, home care, food, and beverage markets. The company's primary products are dispensing pumps, closures, aerosol valves, elastomeric primary packaging components, active material science solutions, and digital health solutions. Aptar has operations in about 20 countries, including countries in Europe, Asia, and Latin America. The majority of the company's sales are generated internationally. Last year, Aptar was ranked by Forbes as 13th in the world for being a female-friendly company.

For more information about job opportunities go to their website https://aptar.com/careers/.



The Quarry

The Quarry's summer season has begun and couldn't be more excited to welcome everyone back! Swing by and check out the new "Midwest Beachy" vibe. Enjoy your current favorites, such as wakeboarding, live music, volleyball and cornhole. New additions include refreshed decor, unique apparel, a new bar and grille menu that pays homage to the Midwest, VIP seating, beach swings, themed beach nights and more!

Summer Camp at The Quarry - Ten sessions of summer camps for wakeboarding will begin June 4th, so make sure to sign your child up for the fun-filled wakeboard camp. If you are a previous beginner camper, be sure to check out the new intermediate group coaching opportunity. Customize your experience with on-site wakeboard expert, Jackie Augustine! He is ready to guide and coach your child from simple skills all the way up to more complex tricks. Visit The Quarry's website at https://thequarrycablepark.com/ for more information and registration.





CALENDAR | JUNE 2024

Tuesday, June 4
City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 5
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 6
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, June 18
Economic Development Committee Meeting
8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, June 18
City Council Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 19
Sustainability Committee Meeting
6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 19
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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