City of Crystal Lake, Illinois
CITYLETTER



Earth Day - April 22

Earth Day has been celebrated each year since 1970 with more than a billion people who partake in activities such as picking up litter and planting trees to protect our planet. The first Earth Day was celebrated when a United States Senator for Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and by the end of the year, the U.S. government created the Environmental Protection Agency.

By 1990, Earth Day became an event that was celebrated by more than 140 countries.

One way you can help protect our planet is by becoming aware of whether waste can be recycled or repurposed. You can also limit waste by reducing the amount of things you buy, so that they don't end up in a landfill. Join in the celebration of this year's Earth Day on April 22nd!

Source: National Geographic

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Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service

The City of Crystal Lake Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26, 2025.

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.

Todd Bertulis, Colonel (Retired), United States Army, will speak at this year's Memorial Day Ceremony. Colonel Bertulis served in many positions throughout his career both in the United States and abroad, including Platoon Leader in Korea and the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Support Operations Officer and Secretary of the General Staff, 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and more. He also served as Deputy Director of Logistics (J4), United States European Command in Stuttgart, Germany until July 2018 when he returned to the United States to serve as the Military Deputy for Operations at the United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, from August 2018 to July 2020. During his career, Colonel Bertulis deployed in support of combat operations to Baghdad, Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom), and to Kandahar, Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom).

Colonel Bertulis assumed duties as the Defense Coordinating Officer for FEMA Region V, Chicago in July 2020. In that role, Todd served as the primary advisor to the FEMA Regional Administrator and assigned Federal Coordinating Officers ensuring the planning, coordinating, and integration of Department of Defense personnel and equipment for Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) missions.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal (2nd award), the Legion of Merit (2nd award), Bronze Star Medal (3rd award), the Meritorious Service Medal (8th award), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal (3rd award), and the Parachutist Badge. Todd holds military branch honor awards including the Honorable Order of Saint Martin, the Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe, and the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

As a reminder, the Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service 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.

This event is weather dependent. The individual listed on the application will be your organization's day-of contact should the City need to notify those of any weather-related changes via email. If you are interested in participating in the parade, please complete the application on the next page and submit to mgray@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)



FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

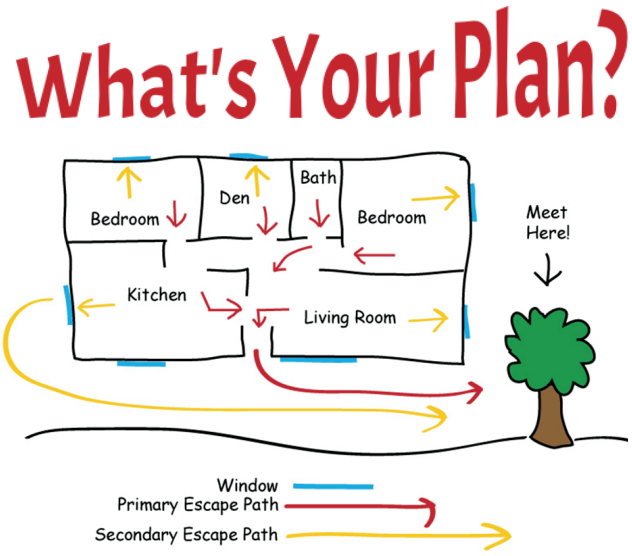
Do You Have an Escape Plan?

This month, take a moment to plan and practice an escape plan with the people you live with. Having a well-established home escape plan can make a big difference in safety during a fire emergency. Start by drawing a map of your home showing all doors and windows. From there, try to identify two ways out of every room when possible.

Next, it is important to establish a safe meeting place. The meeting place should be located a safe distance from your home and be a permanent object or location. For example, a good meeting place would be a tree or a light pole.

After an escape plan has been created, practice it! It is beneficial to practice exit drills during the day and at night. Make sure everyone practices different escape routes out of the house. Take time to teach children how to escape on their own.

Keep in mind, if the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT and STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets. It is a firefighter's job to fight the fire and rescue people who may be stuck inside the house. If you have to escape your home and smoke is present, get low and crawl under the smoke toward a safe exit.



Hunt for Home Hazards

It's time for some spring cleaning! Spring cleaning is the perfect opportunity to hunt for hazards around your home. Here are some potential hazards you could look for:

- **Electrical Hazards:** Are wires for electrical devices in good condition? Do you notice cords falling out of an outlet easily? Are extension cords/surge protectors being overloaded?
- **Cooking Hazards:** Are cooking areas clean? Are there flammable objects like cleaning rags or paper towels close to a heat source?
- **Safety Equipment Hazards:** Do you have working smoke alarms? Do you have working carbon monoxide detectors?
- **Blocked Exit Hazards:** Are all exits inside your home easily accessible? Are there decorations or furniture that block an escape pathway? Do all windows and doors open easily?
- **Fire Hazards:** Are matches and lighters stored out of the reach of children?

Source: NFPA.org

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

Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 16th, from 5:00 a.m. - noon! Please join the Crystal Lake Police Department for Cop on a Rooftop at both Dunkin' locations in Crystal Lake, 4817 Northwest Highway and 290 IL Route 31. This is a wonderful opportunity to support Special Olympics athletes and to come together as a community!

Officers will be stationed at both Dunkin' locations, raising funds to support the incredible athletes of Special Olympics. With every donation, guests not only contribute to a great cause, but will also receive a coupon for a free donut. Generous donations of $10 come with a Law Enforcement Torch Run/Dunkin' branded tumbler (while supplies last), a coupon for a free medium hot or iced coffee, and the satisfaction of making a significant impact. Additionally, exclusive shirts will be available for purchase at $20 per shirt and $15 per hat. If you are unable to donate, please help spread the word and let's make a great impact together.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to show your support. See you there!



DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back

Join us in giving back to our community on Saturday, April 26th as the Crystal Lake Police Department participates in the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce's Community Clean-up Day event. From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Chamber building, the Police Department will be collecting your old or unwanted prescription drugs.

Help us make a positive impact by safely disposing of these items. Please note that we cannot accept the following:

- Needles (sharps)
- Ointments, lotions, and/or liquids
- Thermometers
- Inhalers
- Hydrogen Peroxide

For prescription drugs, it is recommended to place them in a Ziploc bag. However, if you're dropping off pills in a container, kindly ensure all labels are removed. Let's work together to keep our community clean and safe!

Community Clean-Up Day

Volunteers can pick up supplies and enjoy donuts and beverages at the Chamber Office located at 427 W. Virginia Street from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. before heading to their designated clean-up locations. The group with the most volunteers will win a trophy for their community commitment!

Join the Chamber for a group photo or share your own using #CLChamberCleanup for a chance to win *Oscar the Grouch*.

From 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., document shredding and electronics recycling will be available. Register your group with the Park District at https://bit.ly/4i5gWRF.

How to Spot and Avoid Scams

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to trick people out of their money or personal information. Whether it's over the phone, through email, or even at your front door, it's important to stay alert and know the warning signs.

Common Scam Tactics:

- **Impersonation:** Scammers often pretend to be from trusted organizations, such as government agencies, utility companies, or banks.
- **Urgency and Fear:** They pressure you to act quickly, claiming there's a problem with your account, a missed payment, or a legal issue.
- **Too Good to Be True Offers:** Unexpected prize winnings, sweepstakes, or investment opportunities that promise big returns with little effort are usually scams.
- **Requests for Personal Information:** Legitimate businesses will never ask for sensitive details like your Social Security number, banking information, or passwords over the phone or via email.
- **Unusual Payment Methods:** Scammers often demand payment in gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency; methods that are difficult to trace and recover.



How to Protect Yourself:

- **Verify Before You Trust:** If someone claims to be from a company or government agency, contact them directly using a verified phone number or website.
- **Don't Click Suspicious Links:** Scammers send phishing emails or texts with links that steal your personal information. When in doubt, go directly to the official website instead.
- **Hang Up on Unsolicited Calls:** If you receive a call from an unknown number pressuring you for money or information, it's best to hang up.
- **Never Let Strangers Into Your Home:** If someone comes to your door claiming to be a service worker, ask for identification and verify their credentials before allowing entry.
- **Monitor Your Accounts:** Regularly check bank statements, credit card activity, and credit reports for unauthorized transactions.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you suspect a scam, report it to your local police department or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Staying informed is the best way to protect yourself and your community. If something feels off, trust your instincts and take the time to verify.

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!

Water Meter Replacement Project

The City of Crystal Lake is in the process of replacing all of the water meters in the City's public water distribution system. The majority of the City's existing water meters have reached the manufacturer's recommended lifecycle of 20 years. The existing water meters utilize moving internal components to measure the consumption of water, which wear out over time. The new meters feature no moving parts and facilitate an automated meter reading process which will provide greater efficiency in meter readings and better customer service.

The City has contracted with Veregy LLC for this water meter replacement project. Water meters will be replaced between May of 2025 and February of 2026. All water meter project personnel will have photo identification, which they will provide at the time of the appointment. In addition, project personnel will arrive at your house with vehicles identified with the water meter project logo shown to the right. **You will receive a notification postcard via mail from Veregy LLC when they are in your area of the City. This notification will include a phone number to call and a website where you can self-schedule an appointment to have your meter replaced. No one should ask you for payment.**

Meter replacement will require access to each residence or business, as meters are typically located in basements, crawl spaces, or utility closets that could include your furnace or water heater. Residents should check the water meter area prior to the appointment to ensure the space around the meter is accessible and free of storage items or clutter. An adult who is over the age of 18 years old must be present at all meter replacement appointments. The entire change out process usually takes approximately 30 minutes. Once the meter has been changed, your water consumption will be converted to the new automated reading system in the next billing cycle.

There is no charge for the new meter, but replacement is mandatory. Should you have any questions or concerns related to this process, please call Veregy at (866) 584-3846.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Crystal Lake | VEREGY

Downtown Garden Party

Walk, bike, or carpool downtown to kick off the warmer months with your community! Join the Garden Party downtown on Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This special event will feature a flower sale fundraiser in partnership with Countryside Flower Shop and Nursery and Soil & Spade. A native plant vendor will also provide an educational workshop. Explore the craft and vintage fair, enjoy live music and a ballet performance by Judith Svalander School of Ballet. Then, try out face painting sponsored by Crystal Lake Bank & Trust, and much more! For more information, visit downtowncl.org.

THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

Park Hours
6:30 A.M. - Sunset

Opening Dates

Marina
The Marina will tentatively open for the season on Saturday, April 19, 2025.

- 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 24, 2025, 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 3rd or 5th due to the holiday.

Park amenities may close 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.

New Fishing Depth Map

We are excited to announce a new fishing depth map, also known as a bathymetric map, which will allow individuals to view the depth of the water throughout the lake. This can be used on your phone while you are on the water, or if you wish to fish from the shoreline. QR codes will be available at the Marina to scan for the map before heading out on the water. The map can also be found on the Boat Rental and Marina page of our website at https://bit.ly/3TkQtEA.



Employment

The Three Oaks Recreation Area is currently hiring Lifeguards for the 2025 season. Lifeguards must obtain Red Cross certification prior to the beginning of the season. However, potential applicants can apply before receiving the certification. Apply today at: https://bit.ly/CrystalLakeApplications.

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

REMEMBERING THE PALM SUNDAY TORNADO

DIANA KENNEY

Perhaps the most significant weather event in Crystal Lake occurred 60 years ago this month. On Sunday, April 11, 1965, a massive tornado ripped through Crystal Lake, killing five people, destroying or damaging hundreds of homes and businesses, and forever changing the lives of the people who witnessed this destructive event.



Beyond the destruction, there are heart-warming stories of the community's immediate and ongoing response.

A temporary hospital facility was first setup at the Czecho Lodge (where Walgreens is today). It was quickly determined that the restaurant would not be big enough to handle the magnitude of emergencies. Crystal Lake Community High School's fieldhouse was then opened up as emergency headquarters. Dozens of registered nurses volunteered their services in shifts through the night at the high school, providing treatment of minor cuts and scratches not needing hospital attention.

Over 200 people came into the emergency headquarters to offer rooms in their homes to the homeless. Because of this outpouring of generosity, NO ONE had to spend the night in the high school gymnasium.

A changing crew of volunteer women, led by resident Margaret Jenner, prepared and served hot meals and sandwiches at the high school. Tremendous quantities of food were cooked for the homeless and cleanup workers.

When Chuck Aldridge, owner of The Pantry Restaurant learned of the tornado and could finally get through the traffic, he opened his downtown restaurant at 5:30 p.m. Palm Sunday evening and stayed open all night to serve the many workers and tornado victims. The Crystal Lake Herald reports that 45 dozen eggs were served at The Pantry Restaurant Monday morning the 12th. Food was provided free to known tornado victims.

Those who were here in Crystal Lake at the time have stories to tell. They tell of where they were and what they were doing. Their stories include descriptions of the devastation. Some people also shared photos, slides and videos of the destruction. The Crystal Lake Historical Society has been (and will continue) collecting these stories and images. Join us as we share them with the public.

On Sunday, April 13, 2025, the Society will be presenting a program about the 1965 Palm Sunday Tornado. The program will be hosted in the Crystal Lake Central High School Auditorium. Time and ticket details are posted on the Society's website: www.cl-hs.org. This popular program was first shown ten years ago. It has been updated and enhanced with additional photos, stories and information.

An exhibit called, "Tornado Tales" will be on display at the Colonel Palmer House from April through September. Stop by to relive the 1965 Crystal Lake tornado through the eyes of witnesses and victims as they share their memories 60 years after that fateful day. The "Tornado Tales" exhibit will feature photographs and videos provided to the Crystal Lake Historical Society by local amateur and professional photographers. Learn about those who lost their lives and the heroes who helped provide immediate recovery efforts and long-term rebuilding aid to the victims. This is a true and impactful story of how our community came together in a time of great need, proving that Crystal Lake was (and still is) A Great Place to Live. Visit the Society website: www.cl-hs.org for days and times the exhibit is open.

About the Author: Diana Kenney is President of the Crystal Lake Historical Society. To contact Diana, email info@cl-hs.org.

Annual Heritage Trolley Tour 25th Anniversary

The Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission is excited to announce the Annual Heritage Trolley Tour on Sunday, June 8th, 2025, featuring important homes in our community that were built before 1900.

This tour is a celebration of Crystal Lake's history and architecture and this summer the Commission is celebrating 25 years! Every year, it brings together hundreds of community members who are interested in learning more about our city.

Hop on a trolley for a 45 minute narrated tour. Attendees are given a keepsake program booklet which will guide them through the tour and inform them about these distinct and historically rich homes that were important to the development of our community. The funds raised from this event are used throughout the year for preservation activities such as Veteran gravestone repair, upkeep, and cleaning, and to fund the grant program which aids in the conservation of historic landmarked properties in Crystal Lake.

New This Year: To mark the 25 year celebration, the tour will depart from the Colonel Palmer House and all ticket holders are invited to visit the special exhibit on display inside of the home after their tour. Additionally, there will be food trucks on site all day. The Colonel Palmer House is located at 660 E. Terra Cotta Avenue. There is paved accessible parking and additional grass parking.



Tickets: Tickets are available in person from Heisler's Bootery, located at 50 N. Williams Street for cash or check only. You may also purchase tickets online. Tickets are $25 each and cover the tour, the booklet, and the inside tour of Colonel Palmer House.

The tickets are time specific, so be sure to purchase them for the start of your tour time. Please ensure to be there on time to catch your specific trolley.



The commission is also looking for sponsors. If you own a local business and are interested in supporting this event as well as advertising to the community, please reach out to Elizabeth Maxwell, Crystal Lake City Planner, at emaxwell@crystallake.org or call 815-356-3738.

Hope to see you there!



Depot Park Enhancement

Exciting things are happening! This year, the City is undertaking enhancing Depot Park to make it more pedestrian-friendly and a true gathering place for residents and visitors. Eliminating the existing driving lane that divides the park will create a unified space that is open to those looking to relax while enjoying Downtown Crystal Lake. The improvements at Depot Park include additional seating areas, shade structures, performance space, a water feature, and native landscaping to promote community gathering.



This remarkable transformation will breathe new energy and excitement in the Downtown. At the heart of the park's enhancements is the addition of a new stage, designed to host a variety of community events throughout the year. Whether it is live music, outdoor theater performances, local festivals, or cultural gatherings, the stage provides a perfect venue for showcasing the talents of Crystal Lake's residents. With its open-air design and central location, the stage is a hub for creativity and social engagement, fostering a sense of community pride and connection.

For those looking to enjoy the performances or simply relax, the addition of raised seating areas offers a unique vantage point. These elevated platforms provide comfortable seating with an unobstructed view of the stage, ensuring everyone has a great spot to enjoy the festivities. Whether attending a concert, reading a book, or watching a sunset, the raised seating creates an inviting environment for all visitors.



One of the most exciting additions is the new community Christmas tree, which will become a central part of Crystal Lake's annual holiday celebrations. Standing tall in the park, the tree is 15 feet at the time of planting and will continue to grow in both size and beauty. The tree will bring people together to celebrate the joy of the season.

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2025 Downtown Events and Transportation

Please pardon our dust as we work to update the park throughout the year. In the meantime, your favorite Downtown Crystal Lake events will still be taking place, just in alternative locations. You will find the Farmers Market on Saturdays in the Grant Street parking lot at Grant and Brink Streets. Johnny Appleseed will be centered around the Brink Street parking lot and surrounding areas. Lastly, the Festival of Lights Parade will continue to run through Downtown Crystal Lake.

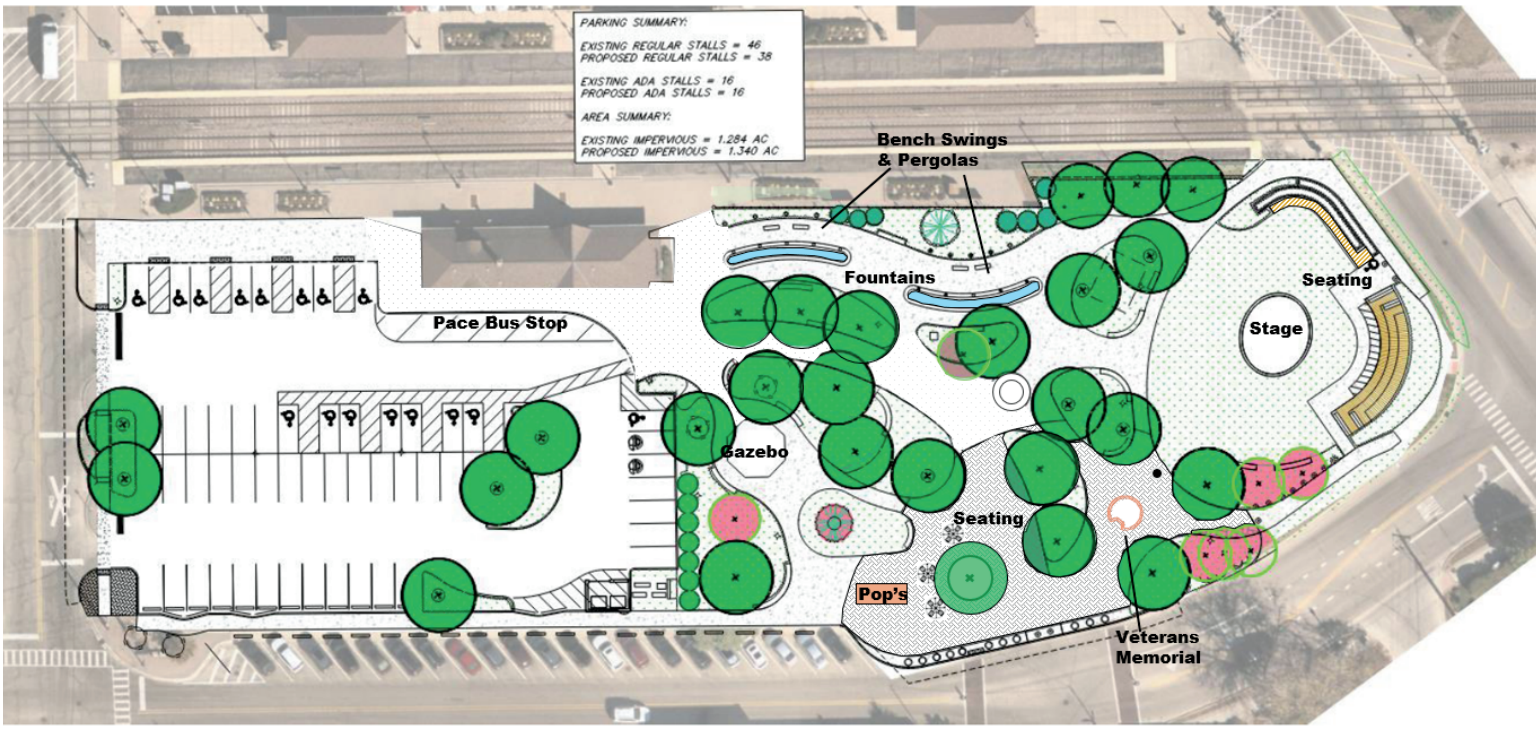
The Pace Bus routes (550, 806 and 808) will temporarily stage in the Alexander parking lot during construction. After the enhancements are completed, the bus will load and unload directly at the Depot building, thereby increasing its accessibility.

Timeline

Tree removal occurred in March. Tree removal was necessary to take place last month to comply with environmental regulations. New native trees will be planted as part of the project, along with expanded landscaped and lawn areas. Following the tree removal, the park will be accessible to the public until full construction begins.

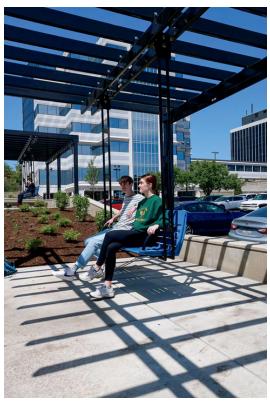
Construction fencing installation and site preparations are anticipated to start in May 2025. Construction will continue through 2025 and updates will be provided on the City's website.

For more information, visit: https://bit.ly/3ZUPy0p









Flood Hazard Areas

Information on whether your property is at a higher risk for flooding can be obtained by viewing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps online. Maps are also available for viewing at the Community Development counter in City Hall along with other flood-related information. Links to these maps can also be found on the Engineering Division webpage at www.crystallake.org. Contact one of the Civil Engineers in the Engineering Division at (815) 356-3605 for further assistance. City staff is happy to assist residents in reading these maps and locating individual properties. City staff is also available to provide flood protection assistance over the phone or by visiting a property.

Flood Safety

During heavy rains or flash floods, the following general guidelines can help protect you from the dangers of flooding.

- Do not drive through standing water or a flooded area. Do not drive around barriers, as hidden flooding dangers are likely to be present beyond sight of the initial warning signage.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. As little as six inches of water can knock a person off their feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is in danger of flooding, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocution is the second leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house if your home is in danger of flooding. If you smell gas, report it to a City official or your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts, and storm drains. Flood waters can carry dangerous moving objects that are not visible from the surface. Culverts may also pose hidden dangers and trap children.
- Clean everything that has been wet. Floodwater will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals, which pose severe health threats.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

Property Protection Measures

There are many basic maintenance techniques that you can employ to help minimize potential damage to your property during heavy rains.

- Check sump pumps regularly.
- Clean roof gutters and downspouts regularly.
- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or on raised platforms.
- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.



Floodplain Permit Requirements

All development within the 100-year floodplain (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) are required to obtain a permit from the City. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area.

Please contact the Engineering Division to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (815) 356-3605. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

Flood Insurance

Many residents are unaware that most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is available to residents of Crystal Lake through their individual insurance carriers, as the City is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Additionally, because the City participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, flood insurance premiums are discounted for residents in the 100-year floodplain.

If you currently have flood insurance, be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained and there is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance.

If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated and insured bank for a loan.



Drainage System Maintenance

Keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the overland blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials (including, but not limited to, oil, grease, pesticides, or other pollutants) into a waterway or down storm drains and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact the Engineering Division at (815) 356-3605.

Additional Information

If you would like more information regarding flood-related issues in Crystal Lake, here are some additional sources:

City of Crystal Lake Website
https://www.crystallake.org/your-government/departments/community-development/engineering/flood-hazard

National Flood Insurance Program Website
www.floodsmart.gov/

City of Crystal Lake Engineering Division
100 West Woodstock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 356-3605

Crystal Lake Public Library
126 W Paddock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 459-1687

Clearly
CRYSTAL LAKE

New Businesses Now Open

European Sports - 1275 N. Randall Road, Unit 102

Michaels - 5540 Northwest Highway

Florio's Italian - 1540 Carlemont Drive, Unit A

The Quarry

Come out and celebrate Mom at The Quarry's Mother's Day Spring Market on May 9 & 10! Shop over 40+ vendors, enjoy light bites, cocktails and mocktails, and photo opportunities. For those with littles, check out the enhanced Giggle Garden with bounce house on Saturday during the event.



CALENDAR | APRIL 2025

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

Wednesday, April 2
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 3
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
3:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 10
Youth Commission Meeting
4:00 P.M.

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

Wednesday, April 16
Sustainability Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 16
Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 22
Economic Development Committee Meeting
8:00 A.M.

All Meetings at City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street

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