

# City of Crystal Lake, Illinois CITY LETTER



## Crystal Lake Receives AAA Bond Rating

The City of Crystal Lake is proud to announce that Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings has raised the long-term rating on the City of Crystal Lake to AAA, with a stable outlook.

The City of Crystal Lake's AAA credit rating represents the highest credit rating that can be earned by an organization and has been assigned to very few governments within the State of Illinois. According to S&P, the City of Crystal Lake "embodies many characteristics of a 'AAA' issuer, including a diverse economy that is independently strong and growing... with consistently stable financial operating results with no discernible budgetary pressures... and a sophisticated and knowledgeable management team that has strong planning practices. Furthermore, the debt burden is very low." Other strong credit qualities noted include:

- A growing economy with an economic score anticipated to improve to very strong
- Maintenance of very strong reserves and liquidity
- Very strong management conditions, with robust planning and policies
- Very low debt profile, with manageable pension costs

The City has worked diligently to balance delivery of consistently high quality services while prudently building sustainable reserves of funds to assist in times of economic downturn or unexpected disastrous events. The AAA rating is a testament to the commitment of the City Council and the City's leadership team to financial policies and strategy, which preserve a long-term sustainable financial plan for the City.

The rating applies to both existing General Obligation (GO) debt and to the City's planned Series 2022 GO Bonds. The City is issuing these bonds to fund water and sewer capital projects, including potable water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements. Rating agencies such as S&P issue credit ratings to assist investors in choosing the right investments for their portfolios, as they provide insight to potential bondholders of the City's ability to repay the funds. The AAA rating will allow the City to borrow funds at the best possible rate, minimizing interest cost and freeing up other City funds for necessary projects.

The full ratings report can be viewed at:  
<http://www.crystallake.org/our-community/aaa-rating>

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Save the Date: Antique Car Show!

On Sunday, July 24, the Crystal Lake Police Department will be hosting its first annual Antique Car Show to benefit Special Olympics Illinois! Do you have an antique car that you'd like to show off? Bring it down to the Brink Street Market parking lot in Downtown Crystal Lake, at the corner of Brink Street and Grant Street.

Contact Officer Alfano at [salfano@crystallake.org](mailto:salfano@crystallake.org) if you or someone you know is interested in showing off your car. We ask that a \$25 donation to Special Olympics Illinois be made by all participating vehicle owners.



**Pedestrian Safety Tips**

- Use sidewalks or crosswalks if they're available
- Don't assume traffic will stop for you
- Be aware that parked cars or other obstacles can block your view

**Driver Safety Tips**

- Always stop for pedestrians
- Reduce your speed when approaching a crosswalk
- Stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians when turning
- Drive defensively, assume a pedestrian is around the corner



## June is National Safety Month!

### Summer Crime Prevention Tips:

#### Away on Vacation?

- If you are going out of town, you can notify the Police Department and set up a vacation watch.
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure.
- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you.
- Motion sensor lights can aid in deterring crime.
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity inside.

#### Keeping your Vehicle Safe

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended while its windows are down or doors are unlocked. Keep vehicles secure at all times, even at home!
- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles. Temperatures inside of a vehicle can be considerably warmer than the temperature outside.
- Make sure all valuables are out of sight or removed from your vehicle.

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

**Crystal Lake Police Department (815) 356-3620**



# FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

## Updates to Burn Ordinance

On April 22, 2022, the Crystal Lake City Council approved an amendment to the City's burn ordinance. With this change, a physical burn permit is no longer required for recreational burning. There are no other changes to the burn ordinance.

### Burn Ordinance Requirements:

- Fuel for recreational fires must consist ONLY of dry and seasoned firewood, ignited with a small amount of paper.
- Accelerants cannot be used to ignite firewood.
- The use of fire for disposing of waste, such as trash, yard waste, or construction materials is prohibited.
- Recreational fires must be no more than three feet in diameter. Pile size is limited to two feet in height.
- Recreational fires cannot burn longer than three hours and must be completely extinguished by midnight.
- A responsible individual over 17 years of age must monitor the fire at all times, until extinguished.
- Recreational fire pits are required to be at least 15 feet from any structure (Shed, deck, fence, swing set, etc.).
- The Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department or its designated enforcement representatives prohibit recreational burning when burning is offensive, objectionable, or creates a nuisance due to smoke or odor emissions and when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous to life or property.
- If the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue Department is dispatched to a recreational fire not abiding by the ordinance, the fire will be extinguished.
- Any person violating the burn ordinance may be, upon conviction, fined according to the provisions of Chapter I, Article II, General Penalty for each offense. Every day's failure to comply with such provision may constitute a separate violation.



## Grill Safety

There's nothing like the smell of grilling in the summertime. However, we often forget the damage a grill can do if we are not cautious. Below are some tips to remember when grilling to make sure you and your family are safe this summer.

- Remember to only use propane and charcoal grills outdoors.
- Keep grills away from your home, railings, balconies, and low-hanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from the grilling area.
- Remove grease and fat buildup from the grill and trays below the grill.
- Never leave a hot grill unattended.
- Never light a gas grill while the lid is closed.
- Keep any charcoal fluid away from children and heat sources.
- When you finish cooking, allow coals and grill to cool completely or turn off propane.

Keep a **3-foot safe zone** around your grill to keep kids and pets safe.





# THREE OAKS RECREATION AREA

**Come celebrate Father's Day with us on Sunday, June 19th!**

## Marina

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The Marina is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to sunset, weather permitting. Three Oaks Recreation Area has its entire fleet of boats available, including kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, paddle pontoons, and fishing boats.

## Swim Beach

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The Swim Beach is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., weather permitting.

### General Rules

- Swimming is only allowed within the beach area, and a lifeguard must be present. Swimming outside the buoyed beach area or when no lifeguard is present is strictly prohibited.
- The use of flotation devices such as rafts, noodles, lounges, water wings, etc., is not permitted. Only life jackets approved by the Coast Guard are allowed. Life jackets are available at the Lake House Complex for no additional charge.
- Young Crystal Lake residents will be required to show a valid school ID to receive free admission when a parent/legal guardian is not present.

## Scuba Zone

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The Scuba zone is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, weather permitting.

## Open Water Swim

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The Open Water Swim (OWS) swimming option is an alternative to the daily swim beach admission for experienced swimmers. OWS is distance swimming, beyond the boundaries of the beach's buoy markers, only on select dates. Open Water Swim will occur on Saturdays in June and July, weather permitting. Please check our website for any additional updates at <https://www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation/open-water-swim>.

### June Dates

- June 4                      7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- June 11                     7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- June 18                     7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- June 25                     7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

5517 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
<https://www.crystallake.org/three-oaks-recreation>  
Email: [threeoaks@crystallake.org](mailto:threeoaks@crystallake.org)  
Information Line: (815) 356-2447 Rainout Line: (815) 506-9333

Follow the City of Crystal Lake and Three Oaks on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

## Bike With Your Neighbor Event

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The City of Crystal Lake's Sustainability Committee, in partnership with the Crystal Lake Park District, will be hosting the annual Bike With Your Neighbor Event on Sunday, June 12! The event is free to biking enthusiasts of all ages. It includes a bike rodeo for younger riders, multiple routes of varying difficulties, prizes, and more!

The event begins and ends at Crystal Lake Main Beach from Noon to 2:30 p.m.



# A VISIT TO MUNSHAWVILLE

BY DIANA KENNEY

Who's been to Munshawville? Chances are, most of us have been there – we just didn't know it! Munshawville was never an incorporated village or town, rather it was a community of people whose common bond was their location. Although there are no firm boundaries of Munshawville, this farming and dairying community centered around today's Three Oaks Road and Lutter Drive. The principal landowners were William and John Munshaw.

William and John Munshaw were both born in Thornhill, Ontario, Canada. Together with their wives and growing families, the brothers settled in Algonquin Township in 1869, purchasing adjoining farmland from local landowner, Hosea B. Throop. William called his farm, "Thornhill". While John kept a lower profile, William Munshaw, his wife Maria and their seven children were much more active in the community.

Prior to the arrival of the Munshaw brothers, Hosea B. Throop sold a small tract of land for \$20 to the Board of Trustees of Common Schools in Algonquin Township. A brick one-room schoolhouse was built and was first known simply as School District #49. Recollections recorded by early students indicate the boys and girls sat separately in the room, with as many as 40 students in the room. Beginning in the early 1870s, the area and school were commonly referred to as "Munshawville".

The school was the nucleus for Munshawville. Not only did it educate the children, it provided space for music lessons, adult education, civic discussions and debates, social gatherings and even church services.

As with most communities, sometimes there were squabbles among neighbors. In 1872, Sarah Cox, who lived east of William Munshaw, discovered 65 of her sheep had been killed. Sarah wasn't about to sit back and be quiet! She accused William Munshaw's dog of being the slaughterer and was just about to proceed with legal proceedings to recover the value of the sheep when it was discovered that the sheep-eaters were actually hogs belonging to Mrs. Cox! It is presumed a sheepish Sarah Cox apologized and all was well in Munshawville again.



1872 Map showing approximate boundaries of Munshawville in red circle. Blue circle shows location of the Munshawville School.

William and Maria Munshaw had four daughters and three sons. One daughter, Emma married Fred Goodwin. Emma & Fred's son Dwight was a well-known musician in Crystal Lake. The Munshaw's son, John served on the Algonquin Village Board and was a member of the Algonquin Fire Department. Their son Lambert "Bert" worked for many years at the American Terra Cotta Co. And son William remained on the farm, retaining ownership of "Thornhill" until his death in 1930.

The Munshawville School closed its doors in 1947. By then, the Munshaw family was scattered about, and the little community of Munshawville became just a memory.

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## Downtown Metra Station Parking Pay Terminals

The existing parking pay terminals at the Downtown Metra Station will be replaced with new terminals in June. The new terminals will accept credit cards, debit cards, cash, and coins for payment, and the price for parking will not change. The new machines will be installed after the morning rush to prevent delays to Metra commuters who pay for parking. Metra commuters are asked to contact the City at (815) 459-2020 if there are any issues with processing payments for parking. The City also offers prepaid parking passes, contact the Finance Department at (815) 459-2020 to purchase a pass.

## Downtown Crystal Lake: Farmers Market



The Downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market has served our community for more than a quarter of a century. The market brings customers to our 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 18

through September 24. This traditional market offers a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, plants, flowers, honey, olive oils, syrups, jams, jellies, 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: [www.DowntownCL.org](http://www.DowntownCL.org) or (815) 479-0835.



### Farmers Market+ At The Dole

Looking for something to do on Sundays? Come check out the Farmers Market+ at the Dole this summer, every Sunday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. until October 30. Enjoy a beautiful lakeside setting adjacent to Crystal Lake's lively Main Beach and iconic Country Club. Shop for locally-sourced fruits, vegetables, flowers, and delicacies, you can also enjoy art from local artisans, children's attractions, food trucks, cocktails, and more.

Additional information at: <https://www.farmersmarketatthedole.org/>

## Independence Day Festivities

The annual Lakeside Festival will be kicking off the Independence Day festivities. The event will be held on the grounds of the historic Dole Mansion from Thursday, June 30, through Sunday, July 3. The Festival features live music, food booths, midway games, carnival rides, and a fun family atmosphere. The event is made possible in large part by the many hardworking volunteers and sponsors. These events are the largest fundraiser for Lakeside Legacy Foundation's year-round programs and events.

The City of Crystal Lake, in keeping with tradition, will again be celebrating with its much-anticipated parade and fireworks. On Sunday, July 3, The Independence Day parade will start at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall, following its traditional 1.8-mile route from City Hall (100 W. Woodstock Street), continuing down Dole Avenue, and finishing at the Lakeside Festival Grounds.

The festivities will conclude with the 2022 City of Crystal Lake fireworks show on Sunday, July 3. The fireworks will launch from Crystal Lake at dusk, near Main Beach. The fireworks will be a perfect ending to the festivities that the entire family will enjoy.

We wish you and your family a safe and happy 4th of July.

### Lakeside Festival Schedule

- Thursday, June 30 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 1 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 2 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 3 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

For additional information, visit [www.thedole.org](http://www.thedole.org) or call (815) 455-8000.

## Refuse, Recycling, and Yard Waste Update

### LRS/PrairieLand Disposal New Office Location:

The City's residential refuse, recycling, and yard waste hauler, LRS/PrairieLand Disposal, has a new drop-off location, 1350 N. Old Rand Rd., Wauconda, Illinois.



### Yard Waste Pick-Up:

Yard waste will be picked up on the same day as your regular collection. All small non-bundled yard waste should be placed in a paper bag, box, or container that does not exceed 50 pounds.

### Important Dates to Remember:

- May 30 – June 4, 2022 (Memorial Day): Collection delayed by one day.
- September 12-16, 2022: Electronics collection week.
- December 16, 2022: Yard waste collection ends.

## Quarry Cable Park

The official first day of summer is June 21, but the Quarry will be embracing summer vibes all month long! The lake is now in full swing, with wakeboarding open seven days a week. The Quarry offers ten beginner summer camp sessions for kids ranging from 7-14 years of age. Additional information is available at [www.thequarrycablepark.com](http://www.thequarrycablepark.com) under the summer camp tab. Quarry Cable Park also offers private lessons that can be scheduled at your convenience. The Lakeside Bar and Grille is OPEN, and the Quarry is excited to share some new menu items this summer. In addition, there will be talented LIVE music scheduled every Friday and Saturday night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., so be sure to check out the schedule on our website. Your local escape is waiting for you!

The Quarry is excited to celebrate all dads on Father's Day! Head to the Quarry and enjoy LIVE music from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Enjoy lunch or dinner with dad from the limited special event menu. Celebrate dad with a relaxing day on the lake! Limited large group reservations are available under our patio tent.

Contact [events@thequarrycablepark](mailto:events@thequarrycablepark) to reserve your table now!



# CALENDAR

## JUNE 2022

All events at City Hall, 100 W. Woodstock Street

### Wednesday, June 1

- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, June 7

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, June 15

- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, June 21

- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM



