

# COMING SOON

## LAKWOOD MEADOWS PARK

6904 HALIGUS ROAD  
LAKEWOOD

LOOK FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR GRAND OPENING!

THE PARK IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

Playground featuring zipline!



**PARK AMENITIES**  
PLAYGROUND  
BASKETBALL COURT  
GAME TABLES  
PICKLEBALL COURTS  
WALKING TRAIL  
SPLASH PAD

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### CANTERBURY PARK PLAYGROUND

The playground at Canterbury Park will soon be replaced with bright and colorful new play equipment. The Park District has partnered with District 47 for this project with installation to begin this summer. The design emphasizes accessibility and has a mix of features that offer sensory experiences such as rocking, climbing, spinning, sliding, swinging, and balance activities along with engaging play through play panels and musical components.



### DELLA PARK REHABILITATION PROJECT

Old play equipment was removed in May by Park District contractors, Clauss Brothers, Inc. A retaining wall, pathway, and playground underdrainage is under construction. Concrete work will soon be underway along with the installation of the play equipment and other site features.



Removal of the old rubber surfacing and play equipment

### LIPPOLD PARK – MICKEY SUND AND BONCOSKY SPORTS COMPLEX STORMWATER PROJECT

A complete overhaul of the Mickey Sund baseball fields has been underway. Drainage, field grading, fencing, dug outs and porta-potty upgrades are just a few of the many improvements being made. Stormwater is a large component of the rehabilitation of these fields which you can see with the expanded retention basins south of Fields 3 and 4.



Stormwater retention area south of Field 3 will help with drainage.

### WOODLAND ESTATES PARK REHABILITATION

Along with rehabilitating the courts and parking lot, a new shade shelter will be installed at the park. The picnic table and bench by the playground has new concrete to provide ADA compliant access to the playground. The gazebo will be refreshed and "rock" seating installed, offering different areas to gather.



Concrete curbs frame out the sport courts and parking lot, and a new concrete pad was poured for the new shelter. The final phase of the project will include pathway refurbishment.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### WOODSCREEK COURTS

Woodscreek courts rehabilitation project plans are being developed with consultant 3-D Design Studio, LLC. The project involves rehabilitating the sport courts and replacing the picnic shelter. We anticipate going out to bid in July with work to begin late summer. Community input supported keeping tennis and adding pickleball lines to the tennis courts.

### STAY INFORMED!

If you would like information about community input meetings, scan the QR code or visit [crystallakeparks.org/About Us/Project Updates](http://crystallakeparks.org/About Us/Project Updates)



## VISITORS

### NATURE CENTER NUMBERS CLIMB SINCE RE-DESIGN

Attendance has exploded at the Nature Center since the renovation was completed last June. Stop by and visit our butterfly house, check out the working bee hive and explore our new exhibits!



**23-24 FISCAL YEAR**  
**16,241**  
visitors

**103%**  
PERCENT INCREASE  
IN ONE YEAR

**24-25 FISCAL YEAR**  
**32,955**  
visitors

330 N. MAIN STREET  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 10 AM-5 PM

## PARK POLICE

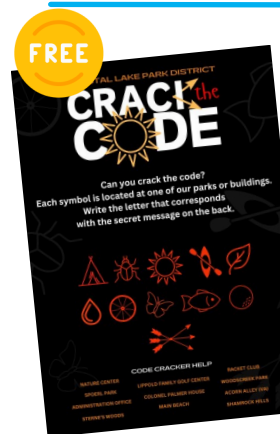
The Crystal Lake Park Police has logged **527** calls from May '24 -April '25.

Calls include well-being checks, assist with outside police and fire, suspicious auto or persons, burglary, ordinance violation, juvenile incident, missing persons, lost articles, public intoxication, criminal defacement, public indecency, battery, trespassing and theft.

Park Police patrol Park District properties and parks, assist with parking at special events, securely transfer cash from facilities and manage distress calls as they arise.



Chief John Longo along with Sgt. Galvicius swearing in Sgt. Mailey at recent Board Meeting



## CRACK THE CODE THIS SUMMER!

Stop in the Administration Office or Main Beach Aquatics Office to pick up your Crack the Code game piece.

Visit parks and facilities this summer to find the hidden symbol.

Fill out the code on the back of the game piece. The code will reveal where to pick up your prize!



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Crystal Lake IL 60014

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# PARK REPORT

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## Residential Customer

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1 E. Crystal Lake Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
TEL: 815.459.0680 FAX: 815.477.5005

### OFFICE HOURS

M-F 8:30 AM - 5 PM  
SAT 9:30 AM-12 PM  
(APR-JUL)

### DRIVE THRU HOURS

M-F 8:30 AM - 12 PM

### CLOSED

FRIDAY, JUL 4  
MONDAY, SEP 1

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### OFFICE SERVICES

SEASONAL BEACH PASSES  
BOAT LAUNCH KEY FOB  
FISHING KEYS  
WATERCRAFT STORAGE  
HOUND TOWN DOG PARK KEY  
PROGRAM REGISTRATION  
FACILITY & PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

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A MESSAGE FROM  
FREDERICK M. TIESENGA  
PARK BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Park District Neighbor,

As I begin my term serving as your Crystal Lake Park District President, I look forward to representing each of you and your families. Our volunteer Board of Commissioners and paid staff have a duty to make the Park District work for you in return for the taxes you pay based on the assessed asset value of your homes. You are at the top of our organization chart.

Our mission is "Enriching all lives through Recreation, Parks and Nature." We engage this mission in three ways.

First, Recreation is more important than ever in our culture of sedentary, synthetic living, with real life subordinated to screen depictions of electronic artifacts. According to Notre Dame professor Clark Power, this is ruining our kids, who--30 years ago--used to enjoy three hours of unstructured play each day--but now that's down to just one hour. We face a choice between the resulting dullness, obesity and other chronic health conditions, or an active lifestyle with more recreation. As a practicing physician, I'm pushing recreation for more fun and better health.

Second, our Parks are places where we gather for the freedom of play, to escape the grind of ordinary life, and to connect with others in games with their own spontaneity free of material interest. Sociologists tell us that "play brings about a beatific reiteration of childhood. When adults play with genuine joy, they momentarily regain the deathlessness of childhood." (Peter Berger, A Rumor of Angels, 1969). So it's not just for kids, but for all of us to get out and play.

Third, Nature provides a setting of variation and surprise, which our brains need to release creativity and keep imagination flowing. We have over 1,000 acres of nature for you to do this on trails, in parks, at picnic shelters and sandy beaches. Cultivate these natural landscapes with your presence.

Call me directly if you have any suggestions or questions. My cell is (708) 945-FRED (3733). Let's have a Great Summer!

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Tiesenga, M.D. FACS., MBS FPD.  
Crystal Lake Park District Board President

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July FIREWORKS CONCERT

SUN JUL 6

MAIN BEACH  
300 LAKESHORE DR, CL

9 AM-2:30 PM

Regular Beach Admission

AFTER 2:30 PM

\$5 Person/Children Under 3 Free

7 PM

CL Community Band  
Voices in Harmony

9-9:30 PM

Fireworks

PICNIC TABLES LIMITED. ONE TABLE PER FAMILY.  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.



## FREE CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7 PM

MAIN BEACH • 300 LAKESHORE DRIVE

### STILL 5 MORE WEEKS OF CONCERTS TO ENJOY!

JUL 1	VOICES IN HARMONY	CHORAL
JUL 15	ERIC CASE BAND	COUNTRY
JUL 22	JOLLY RINGWALDS KINGPINS @ 6 PM	80s TRIBUTE
JUL 29	CL COMMUNITY BAND	INSTRUMENTALS
AUG 5	RADIO GAGA	QUEEN & LADY GAGA



CHECK OUR WEBSITE  
'SPECIAL EVENTS' PAGE FOR THE  
WEEKLY FOOD TRUCK SCHEDULE

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE DECISION TO CANCEL THE CONCERT  
WILL BE MADE AT 2 PM. SIGN UP AT RAINOUTLINE.COM FOR ALERTS OR CALL 815.410.4475.

#### PARTICIPATING SPONSORS

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## SUMMER BEACH BASHES!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL LUAU**  
FRI AUG 8  
6:30-8:30 PM  
WEST BEACH



MOVIE IN THE PARK  
FRI AUG 15  
ACTIVITIES @ 6:30 PM  
MOVIE @ DUSK  
MAIN BEACH



ICES CREAM  
EATING CONTEST  
SPECIAL THANKS TO  
BR  
BASKIN ROBBINS  
4817 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY



AGES 55 & UP  
SENIOR SUMMER SOCIAL  
WED AUG 20  
5:30-7:30 PM  
MAIN BEACH

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## EXCELLENCE AWARD IN FINANCIAL REPORTING



Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to **Crystal Lake Park District** for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2024.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.