

PROJECTS

Much work was completed in May to close out project work that was started last year and we are kicking off a new season of improvements within our parks and facilities.

NATURE CENTER

At the Nature Center, we are deep in design for the new interpretive exhibits with Exhibit Concepts, Inc. The three ecosystems of prairie, woodland and wetland will be highlighted in the interactive exhibits. From soil profiles showing plant roots to animal skat identification to counting tree rings...there is much to learn from all three habitats! Project installation should be complete in Spring 2024.

CONCEPT AREA: PRAIRIES



CONCEPT AREA: WOODLANDS



CONCEPT AREA: WETLANDS



DELLA STREET PARK

We are excited to share that Della Street Park shall be redeveloped with new play equipment. But what kind of play equipment do your children want and what will it look like? We will be mailing information to residents surrounding Della Street Park and hosting a community meeting for input.

HILL FARM PARK

What would you like to see at Hill Farm Park? We are excited to start thinking about the possibilities the park site offers for passive and active recreation! Currently the park hosts 110 rental garden plots. Potential additional features may include: a gazebo or picnic shelter, shelter with bathrooms and drinking fountain, game tables, playgrounds, nature play, walking paths, educational gardens, raised beds, fitness equipment and more. Surveys and community meetings will be scheduled soon for park use ideas at Hill Farm Park.

HALIGUS ROAD PARK

EXCITING NEWS! The Park District received the Illinois Department of Natural Resources OSLAD grant to help develop Haligus Road Park! The conceptual design for Haligus Road Park includes six pickleball courts and one basketball court, green activity field space, a playground and splash pad-type stream, a shelter with bathrooms and an educational garden. The site will have a perimeter loop trail with accessible connection points and educational nodes. This summer, the conceptual designs for Haligus Road Park will be developed into final designs. We will be hosting community meetings for your input on play equipment, splash pad features and more in the upcoming weeks.

STAY INFORMED!

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



ComEd Energy Efficiency Program

LIGHTING UPGRADES TO LED

To reduce our energy consumption and reduce costs, the Park District continue to work with a lighting contractor through ComEd's Energy Efficiency Program to convert incandescent and florescent lights to LED.

Various light fixtures were replaced or refurbished to LED at Grand Oaks Recreation Center, Spoerl Park building and the Racket Club's exterior building lights.

RACKET CLUB COURTS



Progress of outdoor court renovation

The Racket Club's outdoor hard courts are in the midst of being rebuilt. Three layers of asphalt courts were uncovered in the demolition work. Pro Cushion surfacing with the blue/green color coating will finish off the courts once the asphalt layer and new fencing are installed. The southeast asphalt court will be releveled, and new color coating applied. A new practice backerboard will be installed within this court for practice play. These courts will be striped for tennis and pickleball play. We are working with tennis court consultant Fred Kolkman, Tennis & Sport Surfaces, LLC. on this project.

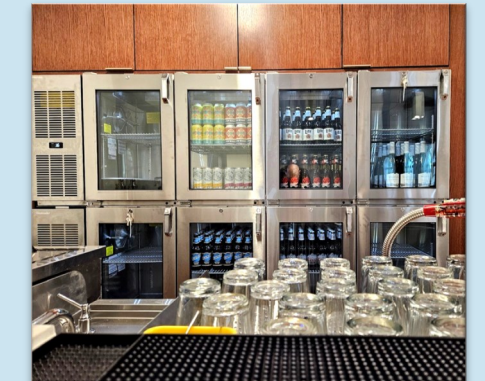
Did you know we have clay courts too? These courts are surfaced with green Har-Tru clay, which is a unique playing surface for tennis in our region. We continue to maintain the clay for those who enjoy playing tennis on clay courts!

CRYSTAL LAKE PARKS INITIATIVE FOUNDATION

The Crystal Lake Parks Initiative Foundation is dedicated to extending the scope of Crystal Lake Park District in its efforts to enhance the development of parks, open space, trails, and recreational activities. Their mission is to create safe, environmentally friendly, and highly accessible facilities that encourage social engagement, cultivate adventurous spirit, promote positive self-worth and celebrate life. The foundation is always looking for new members and volunteers to assist at events. If you are interested in becoming a member of the foundation, please visit the website at crystallakeparksinitiative.com for more information.

MAIN BEACH FULL SERVICE BAR NOW OPEN

Do you have a special occasion coming up and are looking for a unique venue with sweeping views of Crystal Lake? Renovation on our historic building is now complete! We offer full service bar packages to suit your needs. The concessions area was reconfigured to offer optimal food service planning and the new bridal suite complements the new décor. Dates are booking up so contact Antony Mores, Facility Rental Supervisor at amores@crystallakeparks.org.



FISH STOCKING

Following the 10-year fish stocking plan provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Crystal Lake Park District stocked Crystal Lake and eight park ponds in March.

For questions regarding the fish stocking program, please email:

Preston Skultety
Mgr of Natural Resources
pskultety@crystallakeparks.org



Ryan Ready catches a largemouth bass at Willows Edge pond

Location	Size/Species	Lbs./# of Fish
Crystal Lake	3-5" Yellow Perch	1,000
Crystal Lake	9-10" Tiger Musky	194
Veteran Acres Pond	Fathead Minnow	50 Lbs.
Veteran Acres Pond	2-4" Bluegill	2,000
Veteran Acres Pond	4-6" Bluegill	1,000
Veteran Acres Pond	2-4" Largemouth Bass	300
Woods creek Park	Fathead Minnow	20 Lbs.
Woods creek Park	2-4" Bluegill	1,000
Lippold Park	Fathead Minnow	20 Lbs.
Lippold Park	2-4" Bluegill	1,000
Willows Edge West	Fathead Minnow	5 Lbs.
Willows Edge West	2-4" Bluegill	500
Willows Edge East	Fathead Minnow	5 Lbs.
Willows Edge East	2-4" Bluegill	500
Shamrock Hills Ponds	Fathead Minnow	5 Lbs.
Sterne's Woods & Fen Ponds	Fathead Minnow	5 Lbs.
Four Colonies Pond	Fathead Minnow	5 Lbs.



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PARK REPORT

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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

MONDAY, JUL 4
MONDAY, SEP 5

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A MESSAGE FROM
JASON HERBSTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the summer in full swing, the Crystal Lake Park District is truly seeing that our community appreciates the importance of parks and recreation in our community. Since the pandemic and through the past year, our parks have been a lifeline for many of us, providing spaces for relaxation, exercise, and connection with nature. Our new norm is busy, busy, busy.

Attendance: Our parks have seen a remarkable increase in attendance. From families picnicking in the shade to individuals taking walks along our scenic trails, our parks have become cherished destinations for all.

Programs and Activities: From sports leagues to summer camps, fitness classes to cultural events, our community has embraced the opportunities for recreation and personal growth that our parks provide.

Community Engagement: Through events such as concerts, festivals, and community gatherings, residents have found common ground, built friendships, and created lasting memories.

Health and Well-being: Our parks have served as vital spaces for exercise, outdoor play, and relaxation, promoting healthier lifestyles and improved overall well-being for our residents.

The Park Board and staff recognize that continuing to maintain the current holdings of the Park District and improving on them is important to the community. Community feedback is always welcome, and we encourage you to reach out to staff or the Park Board with your questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Let's make this summer one to remember in our parks!

NEW PARK COMMISSIONER

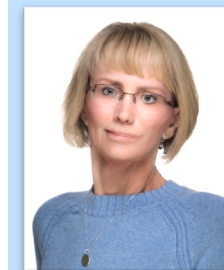
The April 4, 2023, consolidated election had three Park Board positions on the ballot. Incumbents Cathy Cagle and Jason Heisler were elected to second terms on the Board. The third position has been filled by longtime resident Michael Jacobson. Michael is a retired schoolteacher and former part-time Beach Manager for the Crystal Lake Park District. His involvement in the community and understanding of the Park District and services make him a great fit to sit on the Park Board of Commissioners. Welcome Michael!



Commissioner
Michael Jacobson

Thank You

DEBBIE GALLAGHER



At the May 18, 2023, Annual Meeting of the Crystal Lake Park District Board of Commissioners, Debbie Gallagher

retired after 14 years of above and beyond service to the Crystal Lake Park District and the entire Crystal Lake community. Debbie's unwavering dedication and remarkable contributions have left an indelible mark on our Park District.

From working tirelessly towards securing grant funding for Park District projects to her commitment to the stewardship of our natural areas and to her efforts in improving parks and playgrounds-Debbie was instrumental in bringing many initiatives to life. Her dedication to new and improved parks, playgrounds and splash pads has brought smiles to the faces of residents of Crystal Lake.

Debbie's vision and leadership have propelled the Park District forward. The Crystal Lake Park District and the residents it serves are indebted to Debbie for her invaluable contributions. This legacy will continue to flourish within our parks, facilities, and programs and in the hearts of everyone in the Crystal Lake community. We wish her all the best in future endeavors, and we extend our deepest appreciation for her exceptional service to the Crystal Lake Park District.

4th of July FIREWORKS CONCERT

SUN JUL 2
MAIN BEACH

300 LAKESHORE DR, CL

9 AM-2:30 PM

Regular Beach Admission

AFTER 2:30 PM

\$5 Person/Children Under 3 Free

BEAT THE LINE!

PURCHASE \$5 WRISTBANDS IN ADVANCE AT THE ADMIN OFFICE BEGINNING JUNE 19
NO REFUNDS



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Crystal Lake Park Districts



CONCERTS

In the Park

Crystal Lake Park District

New Professional Sound System!

MAY 30	MACKENZIE O'BRIEN	COUNTRY
JUN 6	CL COMMUNITY BAND	INSTRUMENTALS
JUN 13	JOSE VALDEZ & THE ALL STARS	LATIN/SALSA
JUN 20	THE FOUR C NOTES	JERSEY BOYS TRIB
JUN 27	VOICES IN HARMONY	CHORAL
JUL 11	SUSHI ROLL	COVER BAND
JUL 18	BILLY ELTON	JOEL/JOHN TRIB
JUL 25	CL COMMUNITY BAND	INSTRUMENTALS
AUG 1	RHYTHM ROCKETS	BIG BAND/SWING
AUG 8	HIFI SUPERSTAR	COVER BAND



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 4 PM. SIGN UP AT RAINOUTLINE.COM FOR ALERTS OR CALL 815.410.4475.

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MAIN BEACH

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815.477.5404

REGULAR SEASON

Jun 3 - Aug 10 (7 days/week) 9 am - Dusk

POST SEASON

Weekends only 9 am - 5 pm
(Aug 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27, Sep 2-4)

WEST BEACH

2330 LAKE AVENUE, CRYSTAL LAKE
815.477.5009

REGULAR SEASON

Jun 3 - Aug 11 (7 days/week) 11 am - 7 pm