

2025



State of the Community



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2025 State of The Community

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Karen Tobin, Partner

Village of Lakewood

David Stavropoulous, Village President

City of Crystal Lake

Haig Haleblian, Mayor of Crystal Lake

Luncheon Agenda

11:30AM-12:00PM

Check-in & Networking

12PM

Welcome Message from Master of Ceremonies

Lunch is served

Karen Tobin, Amundsen Davis

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CELEBRATING 85 YEARS

The Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce is proud to celebrate 85 years of serving the Crystal Lake community. Driven by our commitment to the motto “Crystal Lake is a Good Place to Live,” we continue to support the local economy, advocate for businesses, nurture emerging leaders, and foster meaningful connections

As we reflect on the past 85 years, we honor not only the Chamber’s achievements but also the incredible accomplishments of our members. Looking ahead, we remain committed to our mission by developing innovative programs to help businesses thrive in an ever-changing landscape, staying informed on government advocacy to keep our members up-to-date, and continuously finding new ways to bring value to our membership.

This remarkable milestone would not be possible without the steadfast support of the Crystal Lake community and, most importantly, our members. We are deeply grateful for the incredible businesses in Crystal Lake and the surrounding areas that continue to support the Chamber year after year.

Together, we look forward to continuing our work in strengthening the local business community.

Upcoming Events

APR
26
COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

MAY
8
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

JUNE
2
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

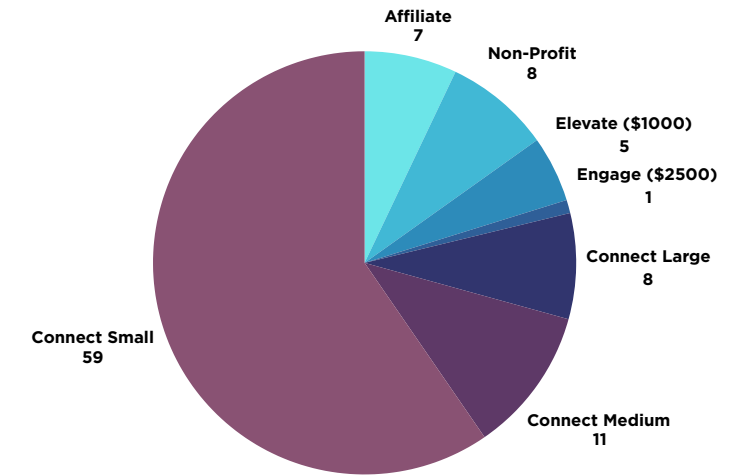
JULY
6
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

FALL
2025
NETWORKING SCRAMBLE

FALL
2025
CRYSTAL LAKE COMMUNITY EXPO

Crystal Lake Chamber 2024 Highlights

99
New Members



Chamber Events in 2024

35
Ribbon Cuttings



29
Networking Events



10
Education Seminars



Chamber Marketing Insights

127K
Website Hits



80% Email
Open Rate



252K Social Media
Reach



8% Follower
Growth (FB, IG,
LinkedIn)



30K Social Media
Engagements



State of the Community 2025



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

The City is considered a Triple Crown organization by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Triple Crown organizations receive:

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) Award

These awards recognize the efforts and dedication to financial transparency and effective communication of financial information.

The City of Crystal Lake has a rich history, rewarding quality of life and tremendous community spirit. Crystal Lake has been a major economic engine in Northeastern Illinois for the past decade. The City offers residents and businesses high-quality services at one of the lowest municipal tax rates in the area.

Strong Economic Environment

The City of Crystal Lake enjoys a stable economic environment. With wise financial stewardship and long-term planning, the City has preserved a healthy fund balance while delivering high quality services to the community. The largest single source of City revenue is sales tax, which reflects current economic trends and the attraction of new retail and restaurants.

According to the *Melaniphy & Associates' 2024 Retail Sales Report*, Crystal Lake was:

- #1 in McHenry County for Auto Sales with over \$312 million in sales.
- #1 in McHenry County for Drinking & Eating Establishments with over \$156 million in sales.

In addition to having the highest sales in McHenry County, Crystal Lake was also:

- 10th in the Chicagoland Area for Home Improvement Store Sales, with over \$112 million in sales.
- 12th in the Chicagoland Area for General Merchandise Sales, with over \$169 million in sales.
- Top 20 Suburban Communities for Drinking & Eating Establishments, with over \$156 million in sales.

Great Service at a Low Price

The Crystal Lake City Council recently approved the 2024 Property Tax Levy, with an estimated 1.5 percent rate decrease. The City has been fortunate to add significant new property construction to the tax rolls, reducing the overall impact of the tax rate on property owners. The approved 2024 tax levy will supplement funding for the Fire Rescue Department and required pension obligations, as well as funding for school crossing guards. The property tax also includes the Crystal Lake Library's property tax levy.

When comparing surrounding communities that provide like services, Crystal Lake's portion of a property owner's tax bill is among the lowest. Since 1997, the City has not levied a property tax for the General Fund. As a result, only approximately 11% of the property tax bill is attributable to municipal services provided by the City of Crystal Lake (2023 Levy).



Good Things are Happening in Crystal Lake

Value for the Community



HIGHLIGHTS

Low Crime Rate

According to the Illinois State Police using crime reporting statistics, Crystal Lake has experienced an estimated 2.56% decrease in reported Group A Offenses from 2023 to 2024. NIBRS Group A offenses are made up of fifty-two (52) specific crimes including Crimes against Persons, Property and Society.

Enhanced ISO Rating

ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry.

Fire Suppression

ISO ratings are based on the Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey that conducts an analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided by the City.

The City's current ISO Rating is 2 out of 10, with the lower rating being better.

The City's Class 2 rating places the City within the top 5% of fire suppression services in the United States.

Building Code Effectiveness

The City received a 4 out of 10 ISO rating for commercial and residential properties, above the average rating of 6 for Illinois communities.

In 2024, the City's residents and businesses benefited from the services listed below provided by the City of Crystal Lake:

Community Development

- Construction permit inspections completed: **14,508**

Public Works and Engineering

- Resurfaced approximately **8.9** lane miles of roadway and crack-sealed an additional **44.3** miles of roadway.
- Replaced **7,760** feet of curb, **3,850** feet of sidewalk and eliminated **1,105** sidewalk tripping hazards.
- Supplied **1.32 billion** gallons of fresh water.
- Treated **1.44 billion** gallons of wastewater.
- Plowed **326** lane miles of roadway during each snow event.
- Cleaned **16.3** miles of sanitary sewer line, lined an additional **1.4** miles and acoustically tested **60.1** miles of sewer line.
- Planted **201** parkway trees and trimmed **4,920** parkway trees.

Police

- Responded to **26,142** calls.

Fire Rescue

- Responded to **7,586** calls.
- Served **5,013** patients.
- Performed **490** plan reviews.
- Performed **233** life safety and re-inspections.
- Public Education Events (total attendees): **16,441**

Three Oaks Recreation Area

- **Over 270,000** vehicles entered the park in 2024.
- **84,908** guests visited the Swim Beach in 2024.
- **Over 58 percent** of park guests are from areas outside of Crystal Lake.



Good Things are Happening in Crystal Lake

Intergovernmental Cooperation



Intergovernmental cooperation takes many forms, including mutual aid agreements for police and fire services, intergovernmental service contracting, joint purchasing agreements, coordinated growth management planning, and regional provision of emergency services. One of the advantages of these types of arrangements is that they provide economies of scale and allow entities to do more with less.

The City has been a leader for years in intergovernmental cooperation. Some examples include:

Southeast Emergency Communications (SEECOM)

The City was a founding member of SEECOM, a regional public safety dispatch center.

Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance Pool

The City is a participant in the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA), which allows municipal entities to band together for the purposes of reducing liability insurance costs.

Contracted Fire Rescue Services

Through a fee agreement, the City provides fire rescue services to the Village of Lakewood and the Crystal Lake Rural Fire Protection District.

Health Insurance Pool

The City is a participant in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) which allows municipal groups to band together for the purposes of reducing health insurance costs.

McHenry County Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI)

The City is a member of the McHenry County MPI which is a purchasing collaboration of local governments in McHenry County. This is an initiative to reduce program costs through basic principles: bulk purchasing, the sharing of best practices, and the sharing of workloads. Any community could choose to opt out of a proposed project, maintaining the ability for communities to choose to do things their way while simultaneously allowing interested parties to cooperate and save on costs.

Joint Purchasing Agreements

The City Council adopted a Procurement Ordinance which allows the City to take advantage of cooperative purchasing opportunities by becoming a member of various cooperative purchasing programs in addition to the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Program and the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative.



Three Oaks Recreation Area



In 2024, Three Oaks Recreation Area continued to be a desirable recreational amenity. This is reflected in the continued high customer satisfaction ratings. The 2024 season saw an increase in park attendance, both in the number of vehicles that entered the park and guests who visited the beach. The park continued to be highly regarded by those who visit as a regional and national attraction.

Guest Satisfaction Remains a Priority

- Per customer survey information, guests continued to be very satisfied with customer service provided by staff at the beach and marina.
- The number of repeat guests continues to remain high. Guests who visited the swim beach at least once a month increased in 2024. Over 20% of guests surveyed rented a watercraft at least once per month.
- Approximately 92% of people who rented a boat were either very satisfied or satisfied with the quality of the boat and boat equipment.
- Approximately 96% of surveyed guests are either likely or very likely to return to the park. The other 4% are neutral with no responses reporting unlikely.
- Over 93% of people were very likely or likely to recommend Three Oaks Recreation Area to a friend or co-worker with no responses reporting unlikely.

Attendance

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Park Vendors

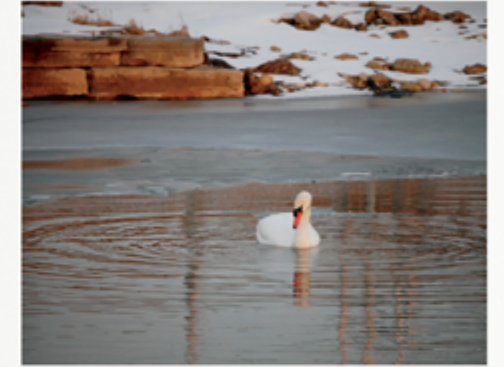
- The Quarry Cable Park, Board House, and Cottage on the Beach continued successful operations at the park in 2024.

Media Attention

- Three Oaks Recreation Area ranked No. 1 on Trip Advisor's Top 20 Things to do in Crystal Lake.

Revenues and Expenses

- Part-time staff expenses, which accounted for 56% of all park expenses, were completely paid for by park use revenues.



City Investment in the Community



New Businesses Now Open



HIGHLIGHTS

Investment in Business

- \$632,129 in City façade grants to businesses from 2010 to present
 - \$4,672,297 in City sales tax sharing agreements
 - \$5,278,732 in City hotel/motel tax funding awarded to community organizations from 2002 to present.
- 2024 Business Development**
- 293,305 square feet of new commercial occupancies
 - 671 new jobs created
 - 76 new small businesses (< 20 employees)
 - City staff worked with 13 businesses to expand adding 49,438 square feet of new commercial space and retaining 121 jobs.

Creating Downtown Gathering Space – Depot Park

The City will begin construction on the renovation of Depot Park in Downtown Crystal Lake this year. The improvements will create a cohesive and enlarged park area for residents and visitors to enjoy. Enhancements include additional seating areas with multiple benches, tables with umbrellas, bench swings, fountains, raised seating and a performance area.



Native plantings will accent the park and a community Christmas tree will round out the plantings with holiday cheer. A new entryway sign will honor the history of Crystal Lake's ice harvesting by being constructed of glass bricks. In addition, the script of the sign is a replica of the historic welcome sign that previously stood in Downtown Crystal Lake.

Water's Edge Construction Continues

The construction of the mixed-use development is underway! Residents of the 240 apartment units have started to move-in and construction of the commercial lots is expected to commence in the spring. The public park areas are underway and will help connect Three Oaks Recreation Area to U.S. Route 14.



This exciting new development will energize the area and enhance the vibrancy of Crystal Lake's largest commercial corridor.

KD Market - 9 Crystal Lake Plaza

A Polish grocery store that has been serving the Chicago area since 1998, offering a diverse range of international foods.



La Rosita (relocated and expanded) - 230 Virginia Street, Unit 100

La Rosita, a family-owned chain of local markets and taquerias, recently expanded and is now located in the Country Corners Shopping Center. The new 40,000 square-foot grocery store will feature traditional offerings, new cold and hot food, and grab-and-go with a large selection of pre-made meals.



Sierra - 5786 Northwest Highway

Sierra Trading is a bargain retailer like TJ Maxx, but for outside gear and sporting clothes, offering a wide variety of known quality brands at discount prices.



Colorways Yarn - 1D Crystal Lake Plaza

The destination for yarn enthusiasts, specializing in ethically-sourced, high quality, hand-dyed yarns. Whether you are a seasoned knitter or beginner, they have everything you need!



The Spice & Tea Exchange - 57 N. Williams Street

The moment you step in the door you feel as if you have been transported back to an 1850s spice trading post. They offer over 130 blends, 40 types of peppers, salt blends and a wide range of herbs and spices, many of which are created in-store from raw ingredients. They also offer over 80 teas ranging from herbal, white, green and more alongside infused sweeteners, sugars and honeys.



Chicago Ramen - 230 W. Virginia Street, Unit 250

Ikehata, a Tokyo native, has developed a devoted following at Chicago Ramen where he brings diners dishes from his hometown to his restaurant. He is known for tsukemen, also known as dipping ramen along with beef curry, white miso and red miso ramen.



Nothing Bundt Cakes - 5300 Northwest Highway, Suite B

Nothing Bundt Cakes offers a wide assortment of flavors and sizes, from bite size cakes great for catering, a small treat, to special occasion cakes!



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New Businesses - Now Open & Coming Soon



Orange Theory - 6232 Northwest Highway
Orange Theory offers boutique fitness classes featuring a rotation of resistance training, rowing and cardio on treadmills.



Coming Soon

Lake Roots - 475 W. Virginia Street
A fast-casual cafe offering locally-sourced, health-conscious fare, with dine-in options, a small bar, market area and an outdoor patio.

Cilantro Taco Grill - 1145 S. Illinois Route 31
Known for its delicious and authentic tacos, burritos, and other Mexican dishes, this restaurant offers a casual and welcoming atmosphere for diners to enjoy. With a diverse menu featuring fresh ingredients and bold flavors, Cilantro Taco Grill is the perfect spot for a tasty and satisfying meal.



Starbucks - 1341 Randall Road
A new building under construction housing a 2,500 square-foot Starbucks and a 4,500 square-foot dental office at the southeast corner of Randall Road and Meredith Drive next to the CVS on Randall Road near Crystal Lake South High School.



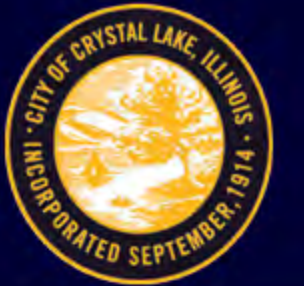
Daiso - 5548 Northwest Highway
Daiso is a family-owned company, known for a vast array of products including Japanese inspired home decor, stationery, food, and beauty products. Daiso currently has locations in California, Washington, and Texas and will be expanding into the Illinois market.



Michaels - 5540 Northwest Highway
A national arts and crafts store offering a wide range of products including frames and seasonal decor. Michaels has something for everyone.



Planned Developments - Housing



Redwood
Redwood Crystal Lake is a 304-unit, ranch-style townhome community located near Mercyhealth Hospital and Walmart on Central Park Drive. The community features high-end finishes and is open to all age groups with a key feature of being ADA compliant throughout the development.



Woodlore Townes I & II
An extension of Woodlore Estates, Woodlore Townes I & II add 47 townhomes to the community along Carpathian Drive. These for-sale townhomes feature all of the perks of Woodlore Estates with high-end finishes and access to amenities.



Clover Communities
Located at the southeast corner of Terra Cotta Road and Route 176, Clover is constructing 121 age-restricted independent living apartment units. This development will provide Crystal Lake residents an opportunity to age-in-place.



Water's Edge
Water's Edge, Crystal Lake's newest and largest redevelopment project, is currently underway. This mixed-use development will offer 240 garden apartments and 20 luxury townhomes alongside amenities like a pool, sand volleyball, basketball, pickleball and a clubhouse. The new development is being led by Heartland Real Estate Partners and will bridge the natural beauty of Three Oaks Recreation Area with the vibrancy of the Northwest Highway key commercial corridor.



Featured Capital Improvement Projects



Three Oaks Recreation Area Lake Loop Trail

- The lake loop trail will connect a 3.5 mile continuous path around the lake.
- The lake loop trail commenced construction in January 2025. Completion is anticipated in early 2026.
- The project is the number one requested amenity by guests since the park opened in 2010.



Dole Avenue Reconstruction

- The \$6.7 million dollar project to reconstruct a 75-year-old roadway base was completed in the fall of 2024.
- New, larger water main to improve water flow, wider sidewalks, and bike lanes at the US Route 14 intersection were included in the project.



Three Oaks Road/Sands Road/Lutter Drive Intersection Project

- Construction anticipated in the spring of 2025.
- Improvements include additional turn lanes and installation of traffic signals, as well as a multi-use path along the south side of Three Oaks Road.
- Over \$2.3 million in federal funding and developer contributions will help fund the improvements.



Re-Establishment of Crystal Creek

- Includes removal of the storm sewer pipe installed in the 1950s. This portion of the creek will be re-established.
- Project will reduce flooding and improve water quality.
- Construction anticipated to start in the summer of 2025 and be complete in the summer of 2026.
- Approximately \$2 million in federal and state grant funding will help fund the improvements.

City Officials



ELECTED OFFICIALS

	Mayor	Haig Haleblian
Councilmember	Ellen Brady	Councilmember Cameron Hubbard
Councilmember	Denise Smith	Councilmember Mandy Montford
Councilmember	Brett Hopkins	Councilmember Ian Philpot

ADMINISTRATION

City Manager	Eric T. Helm
Deputy City Manager	Nick Hammonds
Director of Finance/Treasurer	Jodie Hartman
Director of Human Resources	Kathryn Cowlin
Director of Public Works and Engineering	Michael Magnuson
Chief of Police	James Black
Chief of Fire Rescue	Craig Snyder
Director of Information Technology	Steve Weishaar



Outreach



The City of Crystal Lake is committed to delivering information to the public that is clear and timely and promotes two-way communication between City officials and the Crystal Lake community.

The City publishes a monthly newsletter to provide residents with information about municipal programs, services, community events and actions of the City Council. In a continuing effort to keep residents informed about City news and events, residents can register to receive timely news about municipal services, City Council meetings, agendas, news releases, and more via e-mail.

Comcast provides the City with a 24-hour community access channel. Comcast subscribers can tune in to view information about community news and events.

The City's website at www.crystallake.org offers several interactive tools designed to help foster better communication and efficiency, including E-News, online bill pay and licensing, online permit and development applications through ezApp, the City's Transparency Portal, and the Form Center for requests or concerns.

Public documents are uploaded to the City's website to help provide greater access to information for residents, businesses and visitors. The City has a "Transparency Portal" page, a one-stop location that directs residents to details about City spending and operations, including current and past year budgets and audits, salary information for all City employees, and City Council and Committee Meeting agendas and minutes.

Social Media



Electronic Bidding

The City utilizes "QuestCDN", an electronic bidding notification and procurement system. QuestCDN enables suppliers and vendors to identify, respond to, and potentially win bid opportunities with the City of Crystal Lake.

The City issues competitive solicitations for goods and services using the QuestCDN Electronic Bidding System. Vendors are able to view, and when applicable, submit bids and proposal requirements electronically using the system. There is no charge to vendors to use the QuestCDN Electronic Bidding System, however vendors need to register. Vendors can also register through the City of Crystal Lake's website.

Interactive Maps

In response to the demand for online access to a wealth of public information, the City has taken great strides in providing this information in easy to access maps via the City's online ESRI map. For residents seeking information about a particular property, the online map is an easy way to view an array of information on a specific property or the City overall. Online maps can be found on the City's website at <https://bit.ly/48q4uqM>.

State of the Community

Village of Lakewood, IL

2024 Highlights

- **Now Open!**
New RedTail Golf Clubhouse
- **Parks & Open Spaces**
- **Capital Improvement Projects**
- **Public Safety**
- **Trunk or Treat**
- **Village Information**

Welcome!

2024 saw a great deal of growth in our community with RedTail Golf Club's brand new clubhouse **now open** to the public! The space features a restaurant, bar, event spaces and more. Our Village is proud to have this new space for members of the community to enjoy. It is one of many wonderful places in the Village of Lakewood that brings our residents together and what gives our community:

"Quality of Living in a Natural Setting"

*5 square miles consisting of
over 1500 homes, 19 distinct neighborhoods
16 businesses, 4 golf courses, 6 lakes and 2 parks*



RedTail Hole #3

We Are Open!

The New RedTail Clubhouse

After 25+ years in temporary trailers, the new RedTail Clubhouse has opened to the public! Open year-round, the clubhouse features a restaurant, bar and offers event spaces for outings, receptions, and many other events. A seasonal event tent will also be added for large events.



Before

New Clubhouse

From Ground-Breaking to Doors Open

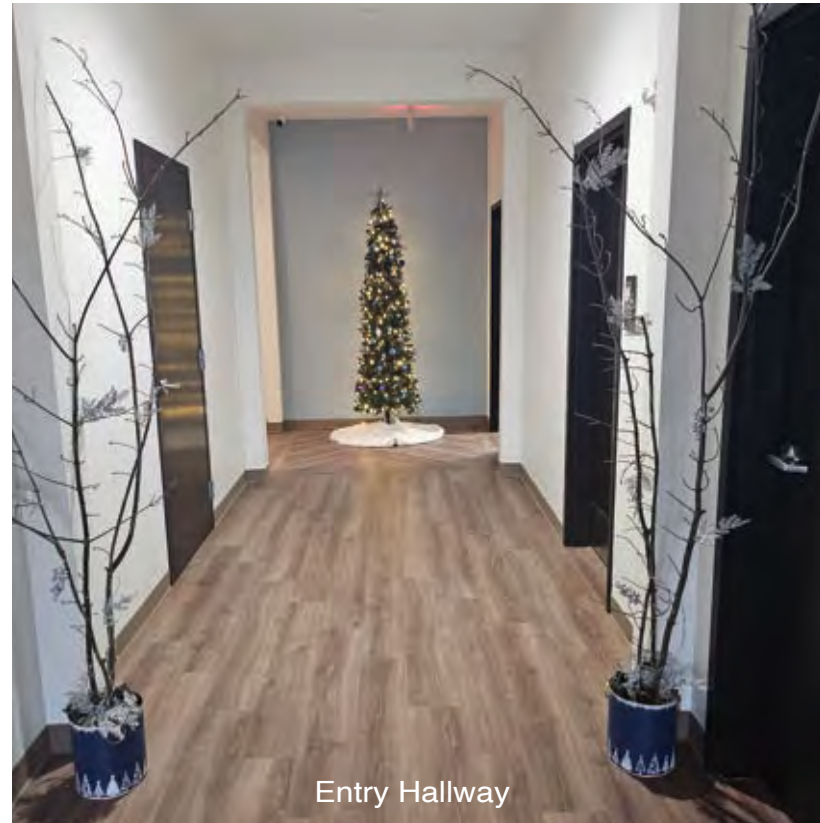


Halfway House / Cart Barn

Village of Lakewood, IL

New Clubhouse

Interior Spaces



Entry Hallway

Inside the clubhouse is a restaurant, full bar, large event space, as well as a pro-shop.

Pictured below, the decorative wood displayed behind the bar and above the fireplace is 100-year-old barnwood salvaged from a RedTail maintenance building.

Just outside of the building is a large patio with additional seating for dining, as well as four firepit areas to enjoy in the evenings.



Full-service Bar



Restaurant



Bar and Entrance to Proshop

Village of Lakewood, IL

Parks & Open Spaces

New Lakewood Meadows Park

Lakewood Meadows Park, located at Haligus Road spans 10 acres and will include pickle ball courts, soccer fields, basketball courts and a playground. Diane Ayers of Lakewood, submitted the winning entry in the park naming contest held earlier in the year. Lakewood Meadows is scheduled to be open to the public in the Spring of 2025.



Addition of Trail System to Kishwaukee Fen

The Village is working with Friends of the Fen to layout and implement a new open to the public trail system.



Capital Improvement

Water & Sewer Extension Phase 2

Phase one engineering for the extension of water & sewer services to the Route 47/176 corridor was completed in 2016.

The Village is funding Phase 2 which will extend water services to Ballard and Route 47. Phase 2 completion is expected by end of 2025.

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Public Safety

Police Adding a Tesla to their Fleet of Patrol Cars

The Police Department is continually in search of common-sense cost saving options. This year the Board approved adding one Tesla Model Y Long Range to the fleet of Police patrol vehicles.

- Introduction of one electric vehicle allows cost savings without requiring vehicle charging schedules
- Vehicle will be used for 12-hour day shift and charged overnight at Public Works
- Electric services at the Public Works building are provided by ComEd at no charge
- The Tesla battery comes with an 8-year warranty, car will be replaced before end of warranty
- Municipal tax-exempt agencies are eligible for \$7,500.00 elective pay credit from the IRS
- After \$7,500.00 credit, charging station purchase/installation, vehicle emergency light installation the first-year savings estimated at \$6,000.00 with subsequent yearly savings of \$8,300.00



Trunk or Treat

Village Police and Public Works always enjoy partaking in Crystal Lake's Park District Trunk or Treat event.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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Crystal & Craig Woods Golf Clubs
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www.crystalwoodsgc.com

Excelsior Salon & Spa
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www.vagaro.com/us04/reflections11

Edward Jones
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www.edwardjones.com

Gardens of Woodstock
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Kolze's Corner Garden
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Leix Dental
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Lou Malanti's Pizzeria
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The Nest Schools
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RedTail Golf Club
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Turnberry Golf Club
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2025

I. Organizational Focus

The Crystal Lake Public Library has served the community since Nov. 15, 1913. The library began with a collection of books and magazines in the vacant H. A. Dodge home on Pomeroy Avenue. As demand for services grew, the library was moved to larger spaces over several decades. In 1952, a small stand-alone library was built at its current site at 126 W. Paddock Street. Eventually, the small building was leveled, and a larger facility was constructed in 1965. Two building additions/expansions followed, one in 1984 and another in 1995.

Crystal Lake Public Library is guided by the following mission statement:

"We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives."

Crystal Lake Public Library: Serving the Community for 111 Years!

After more than a century of service to the community, Crystal Lake Public Library remains committed to providing enrichment, education and entertainment to its patrons.

Most people visit the library for its extensive collection of books, audiobooks, video games, movies, music, TV shows, digital collection and learning resources.

Others stop by to apply for a U.S. passport, get a notary, use the copier machine, ask a reference question, attend a story time, or meet up with friends. Some borrow Wi-Fi hotspots, seek help in using their electronic devices, or research topics using the extensive database of resources.

Library staff routinely go out into the community to bring the library's resources directly to residents, such as those living in adult living

communities, or residents who are homebound. Youth staffers regularly visit area schools to promote reading and the library's offerings.

157,894
People visited
the library*

585,699
Materials circulated*
Books, audiobooks, DVDs,
Blu-rays, music, video games,
TV shows, eBooks, eAudiobooks,
eMusic and eMovies

254,886
Database use
sessions*



*FY May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024



Crystal Lake Public Library Programs Help Patrons
Learn, Enjoy & Explore!

Residents and businesses located within the city of Crystal Lake are eligible for a Crystal Lake Public Library card.

Here's what you can borrow with your library card:

Books: Regular, large print and digital

DVDs/Blu-rays: Movies, TV, learning

Audiobooks: CDs and digital

CDs: All genres and ages

Digital Collection: Libby, Hoopla, Flipster, Tumblebooks

Library Databases: Access to Consumer Reports, Reference Solutions, Mango Languages, LinkedIn Learning, Value Line and other resources

Brainfuse HelpNow: Homework help, online resource

Creativebug: Art & craft video tutorials presented by experts

AncestryLibrary: Family history research

Foreign Language Materials: Spanish and Polish

Literacy and STEM kits, Puzzles

Wi-Fi Hotspots: Use at home or on the road

Video Games, Playaway Launchpads

Seed Library
Homework Help CDs
BOOKS
Audiobooks Blu-rays
DVDs
Wi-Fi Hotspots
eLibrary
Creativebug
STEM Kits

More services provided by the library:

Programs: Story times; computer classes; children's concerts and community performances; programs for teens; craft demonstrations; author webinars; seminars about gardening; book clubs and social gatherings.

Reference and readers assistance: Librarians help with questions via telephone or by the "chat" feature on the library website, clpl.org. Staff help find materials and offer reading recommendations. Visit clpl.org to fill out a book recommendation request form.

Library card: Obtain/renew a card in person or online, visit clpl.org.

Library consortium: View and reserve materials on the CLPL catalog and 30 other area libraries.

Literacy programs: 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program; summer and winter reading programs; baby bags for the youngest patrons.

Notary Service: Available 10 am-4 pm Monday-Friday.

U.S. passport application service

Robust Wi-Fi

Free internet and computers

Visit the clpl.org calendar for a list of upcoming programs!



II. Annual Review:

- The library saves residents money.
- The library promotes early literacy.
- The library teaches children via STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) programs.
- The library offers programs that enhance residents' lives, from art to technology.
- The library meets residents' ever-changing needs for technology and resources.
- The library is green in nature, as it has promoted the sharing and reuse of materials for the past 111 years.



Accomplishments:

CLPL Opens New Seed Library & Serves as Early Voting Site

Seed Library

Crystal Lake Public Library launched a new Seed Library in early July 2024, thanks in part to a donation from the Crystal Lake Library Foundation.

A Seed Library allows people of all gardening levels, from aspiring to masters, to try their hand at growing something new. The seed catalog is located in Adult Services in the library's upper level.

Patrons can browse through the ever-changing selection of seeds, take what they like, plant and watch them grow. If they choose, patrons can return seeds from their harvest at the season's end to help replenish the library's seed supply.

Crystal Lake residents can take 10 seed packets per visit and are limited to no more than two packets of each variety. The seed packets are free and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Seed Library promotes seed diversity, community engagement in gardening and sustainability by encouraging the saving and sharing of seeds by local gardeners.

Early Voting Site

For the first time in many years, Crystal Lake Public Library served as an early voting site for the November 2024 election. Residents expressed great appreciation for having a local early polling location.

The library's door count increased 256 percent over 2023 from Oct. 21 to Nov 4. Data shows 18,294 people visited the library this year during the three-week period to vote and use the library's resources. Staff also fielded 10,572 telephone calls from residents during this time, many of those questions relating to voting hours, etc.



III. Current State of Operations:

The Library Board exercises a high degree of fiscal conservatism with an emphasis on strategic planning. The library receives 97% of its income from property taxes.

IV. Engagement:

The following print and digital resources are available to keep the public informed about library programs, services and news:

Beacon Newsletter:

Print newsletter mailed bimonthly to residents and businesses in the city of Crystal Lake; also available on clpl.org

Library Happenings eNewsletters:

Sent monthly

Facebook:

Crystal Lake Public Library

Spanish Facebook:

Biblioteca Pública de Crystal Lake

Instagram:

Crystal Lake Public Library and CLPL Teens

LinkedIn

Crystal Lake Public Library

YouTube:

Crystal Lake Public Library

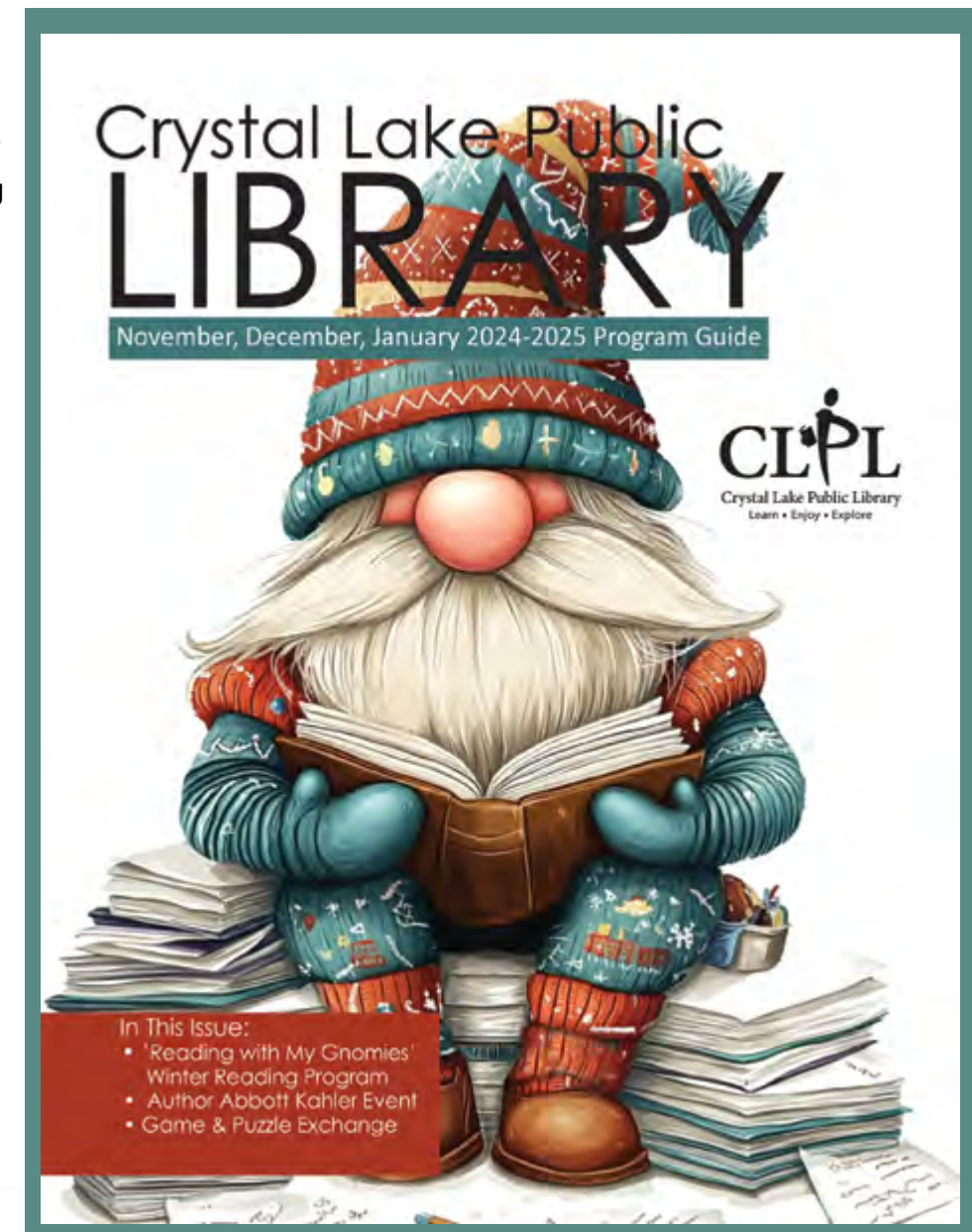
Goodreads:

Crystal Lake Public Library

ihaveaquestion@clpl.org

Clpl.org:

"Chat" on library website





Meet the Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees



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Executive Director



Becky Fyolek

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The Crystal Lake Public Library Board is comprised of nine city residents who are appointed by the mayor of Crystal Lake with the approval of the city council. The Library Board is responsible for governing the library including overseeing its budget, policies and strategic plan. Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 am-9 pm
Friday-Saturday 9 am-5 pm
Sunday 1-5 pm

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www.clpl.org, 815.459.1687

Location



MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

2024

YEAR IN REVIEW



MCC HIGHLIGHTS

INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- **Opened the Foglia Center for Advanced Technology and Innovation (CATI).** This state-of-the-art educational space supports advanced technology and manufacturing programs including HVAC, precision machining, welding, and more.
- **Expanded opportunities for students to earn a bachelor's or advanced degree close to home through the new University Center at MCC in downtown Woodstock.** Students can choose programs from Aurora University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University–Carbondale, or Roosevelt University.
- **Unveiled the new Catalyst Campus in Woodstock.** The facility is home to the recently renamed Career Spark Center, Talent Impact Center, Community Enrichment Center, and Small Business Development Center.
- **Partnered with the Griffin Museum of Science and Industry.** Located within our new Foglia CATI building, Griffin MSI@MCC brings advanced-level makers spaces and equipment, programming, and events to our community.

ENROLLMENT

- **Increased overall enrollment.** Headcount increased by 0.82% from Spring 2023 to Spring 2024 and 6.54% from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024.
- **Saw steady enrollment in dual credit programs.** Dual credit classes allow high school students to earn both high school and college credit, saving them time and money. Dual credit headcount has increased 103% since Fall 2019.
- **Celebrated several cohorts of graduates from our Dual Degree program.** 27 students from Woodstock D200 and 9 from Harvard Community Unit School District 50 graduated with both their high school diploma and an associate degree in Spring 2024. Huntley High School also celebrated their first cohort of 18 students graduating from the program.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- **Provided a wide variety of resources to help students stay in school, including \$3,750 in MCC Café cards for those facing food insecurity; \$605 in Café vouchers for students needing intermittent food assistance; \$2,750 in gas cards to help with transportation to school; and \$1,650 in textbook assistance.** The College's Center for Agrarian Learning also provided \$255 worth of vouchers for fresh produce for students in need.
- **Facilitated 3,858 rides to campus** through a partnership with MCRide from January–October 2024.
- **Awarded more than 900 scholarships providing over \$760,900 in assistance to MCC students.** The Friends of MCC Foundation also supported students experiencing unexpected financial emergencies, awarding more than \$21,800 through the Student Success Fund.
- **Expanded mental health support.** MCC offers on-campus counseling, online therapy through BetterMynd, and peer-to-peer support via Togetherall. The College also hired a dedicated wellness coordinator and offers regular mental health training opportunities for faculty and staff.
- **Launched a health and wellness fair.** The event connected students to a variety of resources, including local nonprofits and health-related businesses to help them live a well-rounded lifestyle.

PROGRAMMING

- **Expanded and optimized academic programs and classes.** Added degrees in areas such as HVAC and Automation, Robotics, and Mechatronics, as well as a variety of certificates. The College also reviewed and enhanced curriculum for several career and technical education programs.
- **Brought adult education classes into the community.** Approximately 60 people enrolled in the initial class of on-site English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at the Amazon fulfillment center in Huntley.
- **Achieved success across MCC Scots Athletics programs.** In 2024, the Athletics program had 28 ISCC All-Conference honorees, seven All-Region 4 honorees, and two ISCC Players of the Year. The Baseball and Women's Tennis teams won the ISCC and Region 4 championships. Academically, the program met their 3.0 GPA goal and had 28 students earn NJCAA Academic All-American status.
- **Celebrated students studying abroad.** Nine students studied abroad in locations such as England, Ireland, Spain, Austria, and Costa Rica in 2024.

GROWING TOGETHER

At McHenry County College, we've proudly spent the year focused on expanding opportunities, strengthening our community, and breaking down barriers to education. Guided by our mission—*Our Focus is Learning. Student Success is our Goal*—we've worked diligently to meet the diverse and evolving needs of our students and neighbors.

We've made bold strides in enhancing our programs, creating state-of-the-art learning spaces, and offering new resources that empower our students to take their next step—whether it's through a community enrichment or career development course, one of our events, a degree or certificate, a single class, or an ESL or Adult Education program.

We're consistently updating our curriculum, connecting with local employers to learn what skills they need from their workforce, and ensuring that every person who crosses our path leaves transformed and inspired to make a positive impact in our community.

Through it all, we remain focused on one crucial goal: helping people pursue a brighter future, and providing a welcoming, supportive environment along the way.

To learn more about current program offerings, events, and college goals, visit www.mchenry.edu.



MCC HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

COMMUNITY

- **Introduced a series of innovative programming through the Liebman Institute for Science Innovation (LISI).** The community is invited to attend immersive seminars, listen to world-class speakers, and view the museum-quality Hall of Human Origins exhibit.
- **Hosted our second Community Block Party.** The event, which took place at Sew Hop'd Brewery in Huntley, featured family-friendly entertainment, live music, food trucks, and opportunities for MCC alumni to connect.
- **Connected more than 100 high school students with summer manufacturing internships.** In partnership with the Manufacturing Pathways Consortium, the internships allowed students to experience a variety of high-skilled career opportunities at local manufacturers.
- **Expanded community enrichment programs.** The Kids and College summer program now offers year-round opportunities, including a series of classes for Spring Break and hands-on courses in the Griffin MSI@MCC maker space. MCC also added new personal development courses, including community connection classes offered in partnership with a variety of local businesses.
- **Welcomed hundreds of community members to campus.** Our LISI events, concert series, plays, planetarium shows, art galleries, People in Need Forum, academic competitions, and more invited people from across the area to connect, discover, engage, and learn on MCC's campus.
- **Organized the first Great Seed Event.** Hundreds of attendees were able to pick up a variety of plant seeds, attend demonstrations, and learn about garden resources.

GRANTS

Awarded nearly \$5 million in grants, including:

- \$2,633,192 from the Illinois Community College Board, including more than \$718,000 to support Adult Education, providing high-quality instruction, wraparound support, and services to help students transition to further education and careers. MCC also received \$173,050 to support education in the trades (construction, manufacturing, and healthcare), \$149,000 to strengthen dual credit education, and \$90,000 to incorporate electric/hybrid vehicle training in the automotive program.
- \$50,000 from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to help offset the cost of work-based learning opportunities, making paid internships for 31 students possible at small businesses throughout the county.
- \$35,000 from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to provide scholarships to students in first responder/public safety fields (criminal justice, emergency medical services, and fire science).

Supporting our community through grant-funded programs:

- No-cost counseling for more than 250 business owners through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).
- More than 60 first-generation and low-income students at Harvard High School received support through the Upward Bound program, increasing their likelihood of successfully graduating from college.
- MCC's Library updated their archives through improved storage and new rotating displays, increasing public accessibility and promoting events for the community to connect over our shared history.

ENGAGE WITH MCC

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held in Room A217 at the College. These meetings are open to the public and are also streamed live.

Find the most current list of upcoming meeting dates, information packets, and videos of past meetings at www.mchenry.edu/board.

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COMING IN
2025

Expanded Health Career Programs
Renovated Learning Commons/Library
Renovated EMS Classroom and Lab
Onsite Partnership with MCEDC and MCC's Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
Community Block Party on MCC's Crystal Lake Campus – July 2025



FOR THE SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

All four District 155 high schools ranked in the top 14% nationwide in U.S. News Best High Schools, out of nearly 25,000 public schools. This recognition reflects our community's **commitment to student success.**



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BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
in McHenry County

BEST TEACHERS
in McHenry County

BEST PLACE TO TEACH
in McHenry County

BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ATHLETES
in McHenry County

15TH BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
in Illinois

69TH BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
Nationally

Empowering All Students

17.8% increase in proficiency scores for first graders reflects the impact of focusing on foundational literacy instruction for K-2 students.

4.2% more students met or exceeded ELA IAR Academic Performance expectations compared to last year, following the district's implementation of a new literacy curriculum.

District 47 By the Numbers:

7,167 Students Enrolled

305 Students Enrolled in PreK Program

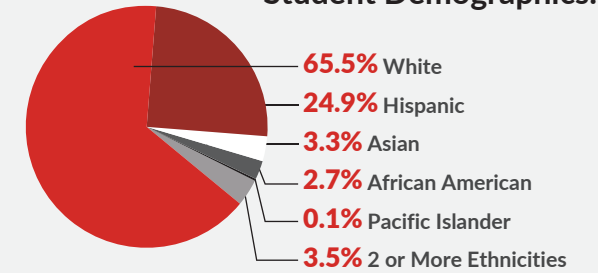
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Student Demographics:



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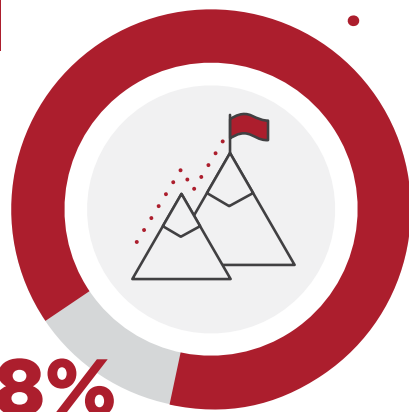


College & Career Readiness

95%
D155'S GRADUATION RATE



87%
State's Graduation Rate



1,266
GRADUATES



88%
of graduates will continue their education at four-year colleges and universities, two-year community colleges, and vocational and technical schools

TOP SCHOOLS



322
McHenry County College



50
University of Illinois



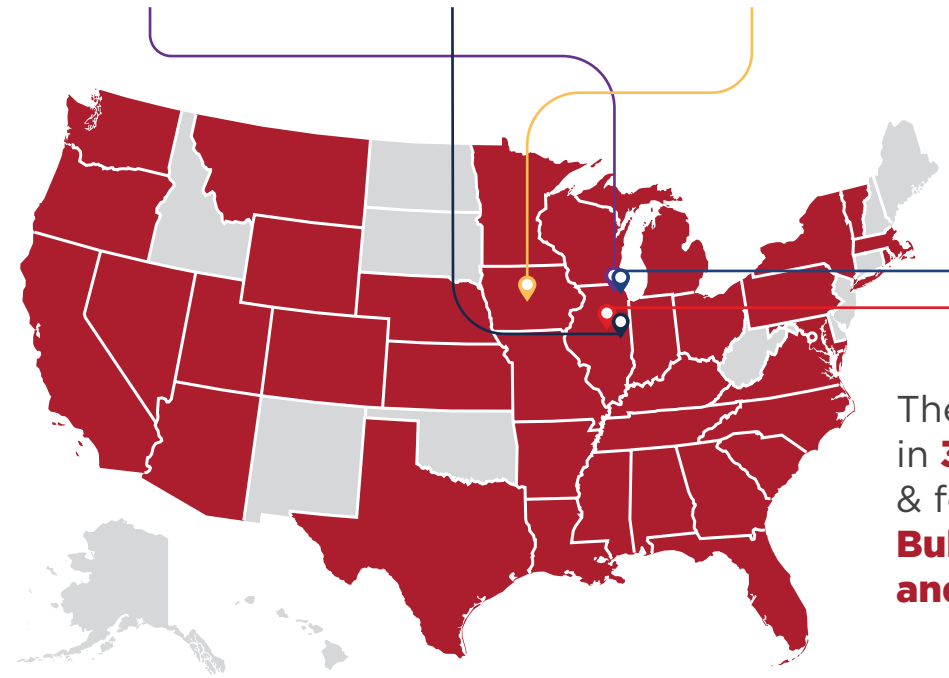
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Iowa State University



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Illinois State University



29
Harper College



The class of 2024 is studying in **37 states, Washington D.C.** & four countries including **Bulgaria, Ecuador, Japan, and Spain.**



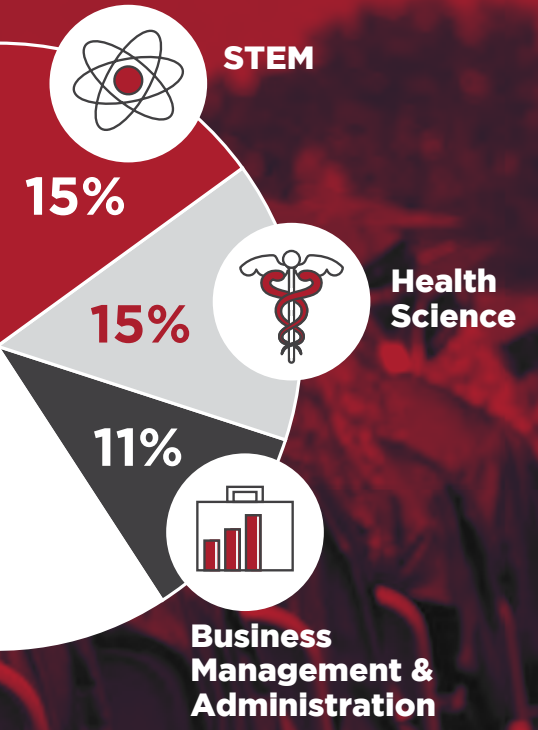
72 STUDENTS WILL SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES

- 19** Marines
- 15** Army
- 13** Air Force
- 12** National Guard
- 10** Navy
- 2** Reserves
- 1** Coast Guard



\$10,223,306
IN SCHOLARSHIP
MONEY AWARDED
TO 2024 D155
GRADUATES.

TOP 3 CAREER PATHS



Expanding Learning Opportunities

83 MICRO INTERNSHIPS

STUDENTS GAIN CAREER EXPERIENCE THROUGH MICRO INTERNSHIPS

The Micro Internship class offers students an opportunity to learn about future careers through hands-on experience. The district has partnered with over 80 businesses to place students in a variety of internships including health, business, culinary, education, and trades careers. For the first time, the Micro Internship class was offered during the summer and 30 students completed the course. These experiences provide invaluable opportunities in fields students want to pursue in the future.

NEW COURSES ENGAGE STUDENTS WITH REAL-WORLD MATH CONCEPTS

District 155 offered two new math classes during the 2023-24 school year. Geometry in Construction integrates real-life geometry concepts into construction projects, while Amped Algebra combines algebra with manufacturing processes, entrepreneurship, and design. Both courses build proficiency in math concepts and provide practical, real-world applications. Students taking Geometry in Construction earn a geometry credit and an industrial tech credit, while those in Amped Algebra earn an algebra credit and a business credit.

40
DUAL CREDIT COURSES OFFERED

\$6.5M
ESTIMATED STUDENT COST SAVINGS

PARTNERED WITH



MCC
39 courses



U of I
1 course

6 NEW DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- DC Physical Fitness
- DC Music Theory
- H Physics
- Forensics II
- Amped Algebra
- Geometry in Construction

6503
DUAL CREDIT SEATS



2469 STUDENTS ENROLLED
CREDITS EARNED



Operational Efficiency



D155 CUTS OPERATING COSTS AND IMPROVES SUSTAINABILITY WITH SOLAR PROJECT

The largest roof-mounted solar system in the greater Crystal Lake area is now helping to power Prairie Ridge High School. The solar project cuts overall operating costs, reduces the district's carbon footprint, and improves sustainability.

D155 is expected to receive \$1.3 million in total rebates and tax incentives for the solar project. The total cost to the school district is expected to be approximately \$200,000 once all incentives and rebates are factored in.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The D155 Board of Education approved a budget of \$6,300,000 to complete 10 essential capital improvement projects across the district.

Cary-Grove High School

- Main Gym Roof Replacement
- Asbestos Abatement — Floor Mastic
- C2 Small Auditorium Renovation
- D Wing Roof Overlay

Crystal Lake Central High School

- North Facade and English Wing Window Replacement

Crystal Lake South High School

- Art Room Renovations
- Wood Shop Exterior Door Replacement

Prairie Ridge High School

- Second Floor Window Replacement
- Entrance 11 Door and Curtain Wall Replacement

District Office

- Lower Level Renovations



YEAR IN REVIEW



District 47 is the largest elementary school district and second largest employer in McHenry County, with approximately 7,000 students and 1,400 staff. The district serves PreK through 8th grade students throughout Crystal Lake, Lakewood, Lake in the Hills, Cary, Woodstock, Huntley, Bull Valley, and McHenry in nine elementary schools and three middle schools. To accommodate the transportation of its students, District 47 jointly operates the Transportation Joint Agreement (TJA) with the Community High School District 155.

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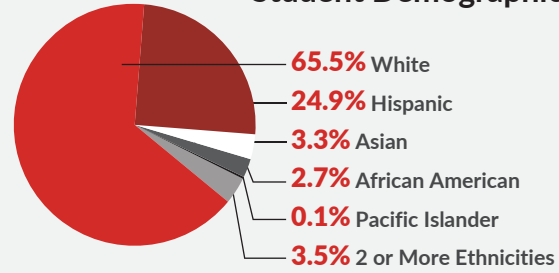
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IN THE NEWS

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District 47 was honored as Mental Health Innovator of the Year by Daybreak Health for our outstanding support of student and family mental health. The district uses a multi-tiered approach, including a partnership with Daybreak Health, offering free telehealth services, and Hope Squads, which empower students through peer support. These efforts were featured in three separate news segments: NBC5 Chicago, Fox32, and Northern Public Radio. Scan the QR codes to watch!



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Illinois EPA Grant Brings Sustainable Transportation to Crystal Lake

On behalf of the Transportation Joint Agreement (TJA), Crystal Lake School District 47 and Community High School District 155 secured a \$1,686,200 grant for the purchase of four electric buses and corresponding chargers. Driving a Cleaner Illinois is the grant program developed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) to distribute funding for various projects aimed at electrifying vehicles and reducing emissions.





Crystal Lake Community Comes Together to Host Resource Fair for District 47 Families

District 47 hosted the Crystal Lake Community Cares Resource Fair in partnership with organizations like Greater Family Health, The Salvation Army, and local churches, including Willow Creek and Evangelical Free Church of Crystal Lake. The event provided school physicals, haircuts, backpacks, library registrations, and other essential services to prepare students for the new school year. Featuring free food, activities, and support from community leaders, the fair showcased the shared commitment to the well-being of students and families in the area.

District 47 Hosts Inaugural Multicultural Fair and BPAC Literacy Event

District 47's Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) hosted a Multicultural Literacy Night at Glacier Ridge Elementary to celebrate the district's diverse cultures. The event featured children's author Evelyn Sanchez-Toledo, a multilingual book fair, and interactive activities that promoted literacy and inclusivity.



District 47 Gives Back



D47 schools, the district office, and TJA donated a total of 5,173 pounds of food during the Community Harvest Food Drive, providing 4,300 meals for our community.



Schools participated in the Kids Heart Challenge, raising over \$81,000 for the American Heart Association while learning about physical and mental wellness.



District 47 partnered with Bricks of Hope for a charitable LEGO® Drive to support children during hospital stays. Families and students donated over 175 new LEGO® sets at collection sites throughout the district.

Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting



District 47 received a Certificate of Excellence (COE) in Financial Reporting for its 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) by the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO), marking the 37th consecutive year the district has achieved this recognition. ASBO International recognizes school districts that have met the program's high standards for financial reporting and transparency.

Changes to Middle School Boundaries

The Board of Education approved changes to the middle school boundaries which will take effect in the 2025-2026 school year. The boundary committee will begin reviewing elementary boundaries in 2025. No changes are anticipated until at least the 2026-2027 school year.

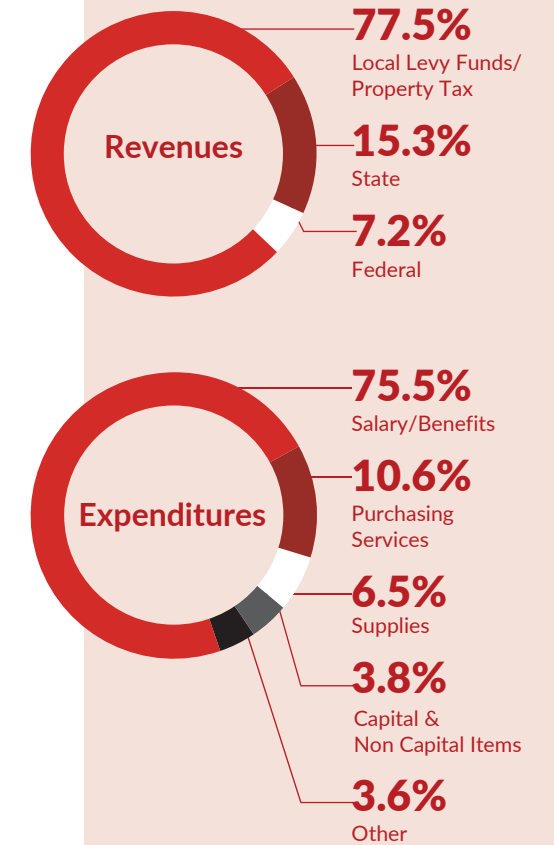
Security Upgrades

New Secured Entries for Lundahl Middle School and South Elementary

This summer, the district invested \$7.2 million in capital improvements to maintain and update schools and support student safety. As part of this initiative, Lundahl Middle School and South Elementary underwent significant renovations, including the addition of secured entries to further strengthen campus safety and security.



2023-2024 Revenues and Expenditures



District 47 Adopts Standard Response Protocol (SRP)

Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 has adopted the Standard Response Protocol (SRP), a crisis response protocol developed by the "I Love U Guys" Foundation. The "I Love U Guys" SRP incorporates many of the concepts we already use but offers more clarity and consistency in terminology among schools and first responders across the county, state, and country.

Stay Informed

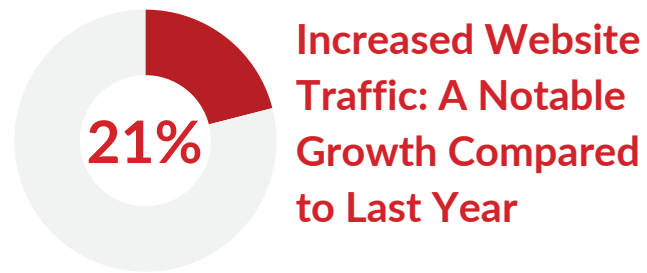
District 47 Launched a New Website

- Translates into 132 different languages
- More visible quick links to the most requested/visited pages
- Improved searchability – Use the robust search bar or ask the D47 chatbot a question! It will help navigate you to the right place.
- Mobile friendly
- Separate, enhanced school sites



Subscribe to the Focus on 47 Newsletter

To receive future district and school updates via the district's community newsletter, "Focus on 47," sign up on the website, d47.org/newsletter.



District 47 Podcast

Deep Dive with Dr. Hinz," a D47 podcast, explores a variety of topics to inform and celebrate the great work happening across the district. Nationally recognized by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA), this podcast highlights all things District 47. Listen and follow on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and iHeart Radio to stay connected. Scan the QR code to catch the latest episodes.



Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 Board of Education

The Board of Education is the legal governing body of the district and consists of seven elected members serving a typical term of four years without compensation.

Board meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month at the CORE Center, 300 Commerce Dr. in Crystal Lake. Meetings begin with a closed session at 6:00 p.m. and an open, public session at 7:00 p.m. The board can be reached at boe@d47.org.



“ Our students' achievements this year reflect their hard work, resilience, and growth. Behind every success is the dedication and care of our incredible staff. Together, we empower all students to reach their full potential.

-Dr. Kathy J. Hinz, Superintendent



Executive Council

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