

Crystal Lake Association

P.O. Box 307

Crystal, MI 48818

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### CLA Membership Application and Donation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Crystal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE VIA EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NOW ACCEPT PAYPAL,  
CREDIT CARDS or ACH.**

Pay to: Crystal Lake Association

2019 ANNUAL DUES ( \$45.00)	\$ _____
Fireworks Donation (2020 Target \$9000)	\$ _____
Water Quality Fund (2019 Target \$11,000)	\$ _____
Legal Defense Fund	\$ _____

Mail To:  
Crystal Lake Association ( CLA )  
PO Box 307, Crystal MI 48818

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Renew online at: <http://www.crystalonline.org/renewonline.htm>**

**CLA Mission**

To protect the interest of the members of this Association in the real property owned by them; to endeavor to maintain the natural level in said lake; to protect against water pollution and unhealthy conditions; to secure adequate protection against fire, theft and pilfering, to secure improved roads leading to and around the lake; to protect and promote good fishing condition in said lake; and for such other purposes as shall be beneficial to the interests of said members and the community.

**Curbside Leaf Pick-up through October**

Leaves in piles near the roadway will be picked up throughout the season.

**NO  
Branches - Stones - Trash**

Questions?

Roger Gooding  
Crystal Township Office (989)  
235-4800

**Household Hazardous Waste Event**

Saturday, Oct 26  
(see page 5)

**Away for the Winter?**

(see page 4)

# Crystal Lake Association

established June 5, 1932

[www.crystalonline.org](http://www.crystalonline.org)

## Walk/Jog Safely

CLA Director, Tim Dorch



For those of us out and about on foot around Crystal Lake, whether high summer or any-time weather permits, pedestrian challenges occur. The Michigan Department of Transportation [www.michigan.gov/pedsafety](http://www.michigan.gov/pedsafety) provides helpful tips. Some tips may seem obvious but all merit a moment to review to avoid injury. Here are a few:

- Walk on a sidewalk/path when available (not much around Crystal)
- If no sidewalk or path is available, WALK ON THE LEFT SHOULDER, FACING TRAFFIC .
- Bicyclists must obey the same traffic laws as motorists.
- STAY ALERT, don't be distracted by electronic devices or anything which may take your attention away from the road (texting while walking not advised)
- Never assume a driver can see you (don't assume you're safe)
- Be visible day and night. This includes dog walkers bagging the poo in conformity with universal, good neighbor policy.

## Membership Goal Achieved!

CLA Membership, Nancy Ayres

For the first time in recent memory, we have reached 300 members for the year. Yes, the funds raised through membership critically impact the work of keeping Crystal Lake clean and safe for all to enjoy. However, the *number* of memberships is important too. It reflects that more of the people using the lake appreciate the time and effort that the Crystal Lake Association volunteers expend!

Hope you'll enjoy our beautiful, FOUR season lake!

It's been a warm and safe summer but remember that Crystal Lake is a four season lake. We hope that you will enjoy the **fall colors** and the relative quiet on the lake this time of year. Remember the **Crystal Winterfest** and the fun weekend associated with all the events that take place this winter. Crystal is a great **ice fishing** lake once it freezes over. Enjoy the lake and **support our local businesses** all year round. Thank you again for your support in 2019 and we look forward to surpassing the 300 member goal in 2020!!

## Specializing in Lakefront and Residential Properties



**Fred Engle, Realtor**  
Cell 989-560-4857



**If you are thinking of selling, please give me a call.  
Living on Crystal Lake, I can personally serve you best.**

## Board Directors 2019-20

### President

Steve Meinhardt  
[steve@casair.net](mailto:steve@casair.net)

### Vice President

Nancy Ayres  
[nayres3801@gmail.com](mailto:nayres3801@gmail.com)

### Treasurer

Kim Morgan

### Secretary

Roxy Eaton  
[roxy4msu@yahoo.com](mailto:roxy4msu@yahoo.com)

### Directors:

Tim Dorch  
Fred Engle  
Joe Kopchick  
Mike Manning  
Cheryl McNeil  
Kent Roth

### Why CLA Membership?

- **Fireworks**
- **Water Quality**
- **Sheriff's Patrol**
- **Goose Roundup**
- **Community Support**
- **Winterfest**
- **Township Meeting Attendance**
- **Lake Association Directory**

### Membership is easy:

visit website  
[crystalonline.org](http://crystalonline.org)  
or  
mail form (cover pg)  
or  
call 616-901-3961  
for pick-up!

Dues = \$45 per year  
**directly support your  
Crystal Lake!**

## Lake Quality Work

*CLA Water Quality Chair, Joe Kopchick*

The CLA continued its work with the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), created through Michigan Executive Order #2003-15 to assist the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy in collecting and sharing water quality data for use in water resources management and protection programs. For Crystal Lake, this entails:

- Weekly secchi disc readings of water clarity,
- Monthly chlorophyll sampling,
- Spring & late summer phosphorus sampling.

Results for 2019 will become available for reporting in the CLA Spring 2020 newsletter. All data will be accessible <https://data.micorps.net/view/lake/>

Additionally, the last aquatic invasive species (AIS) lake survey of the year was completed. We were concerned about thick weeds by South Pier Park, but these appear native and the only invasive weeds were about a half-acre of Eurasian milfoil by the DNR

boat launch site. This information has been forwarded to PLM for treatment.

What will YOU do to protect your lake this year? Invasive plants like starry stone-wort and Eurasian watermilfoil are sneaky attackers, lurking beneath the water's surface and growing unnoticed until they have infested acres of a lake. Given the opportunity to establish themselves, these weeds are nearly impossible to eradicate, cost thousands of dollars annually to manage, and can severely impact the health, beauty, and recreational enjoyment of your lake.

The BEST DEFENSE against invasive species is prevention and early detection. Effective prevention steps include following "Clean, Drain, and Dry" steps when boating and fishing, and preventing the escape or release of aquatic pets and plants from aquariums and water gardens. Early detection relies on people who can recognize the first few plants of an invasive species in a lake, before they have a chance to become established. If detected early, when numbers are low, invasive plants can often be eradicated at minimal cost.

## Prominent Township Issues

*CLA Township Mtg Rep, Tim Dorch*

The **Community Center Committee** was asked to survey Crystal Twp taxpayers on what to do with the existing building (old school). The Board wants additional voices beyond those heard during the summer's four, townhall meetings. Taxpayers are encouraged to complete and return the survey by October 2nd.

The **Township Park Redevelopment Committee** reported financial progress. Over \$115,000 has been committed and an independent, financial institution will hold donations until the goal is achieved and the state grant approved. A business owner has donated excavation services and another donor has offered \$40,000 for a matching funds challenge. (See page 6)

On Sep 11, 2019, Crystal Twp Board voted 3-2 to not 'opt out' of allowing **recreational marijuana** sales in the town-

ship, in effect, following last November's election result in which the township approved recreational marijuana 498 to 485 votes, a 13-vote difference. Prior to this board meeting, a 'grass roots' petition to prohibit marijuana establishments within Crystal Township qualified for the Nov 5, 2019 ballot. If this referendum passes, the Township will reconsider an 'opt out' ordinance but official lag time for enacting such would extend at least into December. State officials will begin processing recreational marijuana business license applications beginning November 1st. The legal standing of license applicants or approvals in that interim period, as well as the Township itself, will be in uncharted territory. The absence of zoning in Crystal Township may add another layer of complication. This story to be continued!!



**PROPERTY INSPECTION REQUEST**

The Montcalm County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that the property inspection check program will continue for the 2019/2020 winter season. The Sheriff's Office has forms available for interested property owners (see excerpt at right)

You may request a vacation house check by downloading the 2-page form at this web address:

[http://www.montcalm.us/document\\_center/Sheriff/property%20inspection%202017.pdf](http://www.montcalm.us/document_center/Sheriff/property%20inspection%202017.pdf)

Fill it out and either print/mail it to the Sheriff's Office; or if you wish, scan/email it to [mcsheriff@montcalm.us](mailto:mcsheriff@montcalm.us)

**MONTCALM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
PROPERTY INSPECTION REQUEST**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF HOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALL BUILDINGS LOCKED? \_\_\_\_\_ ANY UTILITIES ON? \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE NEARBY WE CAN CONTACT IN CASE OF A PROBLEM

WHERE CAN YOU BE CONTACTED WHILE AWAY? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

LEAVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ RETURN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

DEPUTY ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ HOUSE CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPERTY CHECK LOG**

DATE	TIME	COMMENTS

**TRACKSIDE AUTO SERVICES**  
 8161 E. Sidney Rd, Crystal, MI 48818  
 Phone : 989-235-1100

• Oil Changes	Hours:	• Auto Repair
• Brake Work	Monday - Friday	• Welding
• New & Used tires	9:00am to 5:30pm	• Tune ups
	Weekends call	

Owner: Cliff Denman

**Advertising Sponsors Accepted**

*Would your business like to sponsor an upcoming issue? Sponsor fees help defray the publication costs of the CLA Newsletters.*

*For more information, contact:*  
[mcneilchery18@gmail.com](mailto:mcneilchery18@gmail.com)

*Mark your calendar for family friendly, winter fun!*

**Crystal Lake Winter Festival**  
 Saturday, February 8, 2020

<https://www.facebook.com/CrystalLakeWinterFestival/>

**4" 5-7" 8-12" 12-15"**  
 MINIMUM GUIDELINES FOR NEW, CLEAR ICE

**Ice is never 100% safe!**





# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, TIRE AND ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

The Montcalm Solid Waste Committee is offering this one day event on Saturday, **October 26, 2019**, at the Road Commission for Montcalm County, 619 W. Main St. Stanton, from **9:00 am - 1:00 pm.**



## ACCEPTED ITEMS (not all inclusive)

**Aerosols, auto liquids, batteries, cleaning products, corrosives (acids, bases), glue/adhesives, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, flammable liquids, fluorescent bulbs, herbicides and pesticides, inert cylinders, mercury, lead & oil based paint, deck stain (NO LATEX Paint)**

**Over the counter medications, propane cylinders <30 lbs. each, antifreeze, brake fluid, car wax, gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, oil, contaminated oil, unknowns sharps (biomedical), solvents, thermometers.**

### Items Not accepted:



Ammunition or weapons, asbestos, commercially-generated waste, construction materials/debris, explosives, flares, household trash, infectious medical waste, latex paint, radioactive materials, prescription medication & yard waste.

### Tire Recycling

**No charge** - passenger tires on or off rim

- Limit 15 tires please
- Semi tires—\$10.00 each
- Tractor tires—\$15.00 each
- No tires over 4 feet tall
- Tires must be free of debris



### Electronic Recycling

**No charge** - Computer towers, servers, laptops & mobile devices, office and household electronics. Items with a cord, TV's, stereos, radios, VCRs, DVD players, computer monitors, keyboards, microwaves, phones, stereos, game systems, printers, etc.

- **NO Large Appliances or units containing Freon (air conditioners, dehumidifiers).**
- **The Solid Waste Committee reserves the right to refuse any large quantities that may be deemed commercial use.**



For additional information, contact the Montcalm Conservation District at (989) 831-4606 x5 or [dixieward@macd.org](mailto:dixieward@macd.org)



## LET'S BUILD THE PARK TOGETHER

When you help us raise funds - you're helping to support the Crystal Park Redevelopment Project and your community. The Redevelopment will consist of constructing a lakefront park with a new expanded public beach area and terracing of the park's hillside. Your donation is an intricate part of building the park and strengthening the bonds of our community.

### The Crystal Township Park Redevelopment Project

Donations can be made in person at the township office, or mailed to: Crystal Township: PO Box 358, Crystal, MI 48818. Secure online donations can be made at [www.crystal-park.org](http://www.crystal-park.org)