

# A Quarter's Worth of news

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## Survey Says...

Dear fellow CLP Residents:

Over the past 18 months, the Planning and Zoning Committee has been wrestling with revisions to the CLP building code.

Building codes help to define the look and character of a community by establishing enforceable guidelines for new construction and for the expansion and rehabilitation of existing homes. Some see such codes as limiting, by restricting what a property owner can do with the property he or she owns. Others view them as a tool for maintaining the character of a community that attracted them in the first place.

The challenge for the Planning and Zoning Committee is to propose a code that gives CLP home owners the ability to make their homes what they want them to be in the context of a vision for the overall community defined by the residents themselves.

The survey you are on the following pages is your opportunity to contribute to defining that vision. Please take the 5-10 minutes required to complete it.

Your responses and those of your neighbors will be considered as the Committee makes final revisions to the code that will be recommended to the City Council for adoption into law.

When you complete the survey, you can return it by dropping it in a collection box that will be placed at the new message board (on Country Club), on Oct 3. If you can't complete the survey by that date, you can drop it off at 2153 Grandview Drive, or mail it to Amy Cislo, 2153 Grandview Dr. 63131.

On behalf of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Committee, thank you for your input.

Regards,

**Mayor Balcer**



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# WELCOME WELCOME



### *Hey there new and old neighbors!*

We welcome you to this special place. If you want to introduce yourself through this newsletter feel free. Write a story about how it is that you ended up here, introduce your dog, cat, spouse or kids. Submit a favorite recipe, a poem. It's easy to get published!

There are many ways to get involved; Alderman meetings (2nd Monday of each month), newsletter articles, Neighborhood Activities Committee (events and community building), the Planning and Zoning Committee (1st Monday of each month).

It's a unique place and now it's your little secret hideaway too.

On the website too: [www.crystallakepark.org](http://www.crystallakepark.org)

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## YOU WILL DEFINITELY WANT TO READ THIS!!!!

### NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES IN FULL SWING!!

After an awesome spring and summer schedule of FUN neighborhood events, your committee has a GREAT FALL AND WINTER SCHEDULE planned for all!

In CLP, spring brought us beautiful weather and CLP **Beautification Day**. I hope everyone has had a chance to admire the wonderful birdbath in the park and colorful painted pots, all created by our children and families. The turn out for this event was fantastic, as everyone got to work planting flowers, painting pots and taking their own flowers home to plant afterward. Special thanks goes out to Laura and her family (across from the park). They were so helpful with bringing out extra pots of their own so more children could paint and plant, as well as watering the potted flowers at the park ALL summer long!!! We could not have flowers to beautify our park were it not for this lovely family.

(And thank you to **Jim Gehringer and Kelly Larson** for keeping the flowers at our bulletin board so healthy this summer as well!)

Comments during this event were quite enthusiastic, such as, "We should do this every year!" "What a great idea! We should add a bulb planting day this fall!"

We will do this again next spring and stay tuned for a bulb planting day!

The **Spring Egg Hunt** was a huge success as was the **July 4 Bicycle and Barkus Parade**. Again, the neighborhood showed up in full force and had a blast! Thank you so much to **Kelly Long** for chairing the egg hunt (and to all her helpers) and to **Sue Glarner** for coordinating the parade. The feedback from residents again, is Let's do this every year!! The Barkus parade addition was a real hit and allowed those without children, but with canines to fully participate as well.

Our first annual **CLP Home and Garden** tour was a smashing success! We estimated about 100 people or more attended, despite the inclement weather. IF you missed this event you missed a good one! Eight creative, artfully decorated homes and gardens were on this tour and each one was full of inspiration. Thank you again to all who offered their homes to this first tour. The comments were so enthusiastic, it left one feeling proud to be part of this wonderful community. Most of the homes on this tour were original cottages, or older homes, which gave many the understanding of why it is important to preserve these treasures. A HUGE THANKS goes out to **Susan Kusama** and **Kelly Larson** for organizing this tour. You can be sure we will have this event next year, as we already have many residents who have asked to be on the tour next time!

Have I whetted your appetite yet for lots of neighborhood fun??!! Well GREAT because we have an awesome, fun filled autumn and winter ahead.

Get your calendars out because the Neighborhood Activities Committee is going to fill it up!!

Respectfully submitted by;

Kelly Larson

### Anyone want to play an old-fashioned game?

**Indian Ball** is a game that involves a few baseballs a bat, and 3 to 5 players on a team. The game has a total of 3 bases. One at home, and two more 90 feet away in the same place first and third would be. One team will bat and the other will play the field. The batter will first get a pitch from his own teammate who is diagonal from him so no to get hit. If he were to hit a ground ball that only goes passed the two markers it's a single. Now you don't actually stand on your base, you have **imaginary runners** to keep track of who's on what base. If the person gets the ground ball while standing in front of the markers, it is considered an "out". If the batter hits a foul ball that goes passed the markers. It is an "out". And just like baseball, if a "fly ball" is caught, the batter is out. If the fielder past the marker fields a single uncleanly it is then a "double". If the ball is hit over the fielders head it's a "triple". Over the fence is a home run. Once the team has received three outs they go into the field while the other team bats. You'll play a standard of nine innings in one game. There are many different ways you can play.

If interested in a friendly game contact **Jim or Susan Cooper** wildhorsegal@earthlink.net

## ACTIVITIES FOR FALL AND WINTER 2006

(Fridge poster)

October 7-NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE 8:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This event is something many people have asked for, so here you have it! Yes it is that time of year, clearing out, switching over the closets, being amazed at how fast your kids have outgrown their this and that's. What to do with it all?...SELL IT!! Call **Gail Freeman** if you wish to participate, and she will put balloons on your mailbox that morning to indicate you have goods to sell! It's that simple, so start gathering your goods. You can reach **Gail at 567-5204**.

October 8 Rescheduled PARTY IN THE PARK 4:00—7:00 p.m.

A big thank you to **Sue Glarner** for organizing the city's most beloved event! This is a real community building event and great fun for all!

October 28-HALLOWEEN PARADE 10:00a.m.

CLP's finest annual event for young and old alike. Put on your costume (dogs are welcome too!) and meet at the park for a fun filled, ghoulish parade. Tricks and treats to be had. **Caeli Balcer** chairs this event, and would of course, appreciate any help you could give her. Her number is **567-3508**

December 10-SANTA CLAUS VISIT

Santa will visit your home, ONLY IF YOU SIGN UP IN ADVANCE!! You must call **Caeli Balcer at 567-3508** by Dec. 5 to receive a visit from this bearded guy. There is a \$5.00 charge, payable in advance of the visit. (the cost of operating a sleigh has gone up and Santa's elves have to pay for brandy and other supplies if you know what I mean!!)

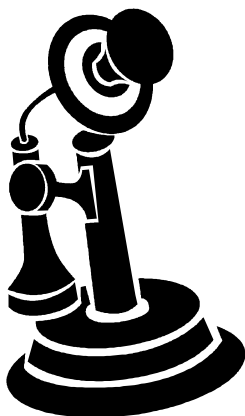
So HO! HO! HO! CLP and have a season that is merry and bright!

December 22--CAROLING PARTY 7:00 pm

Another first annual at CLP! **Peg Crockett** is organizing this event. This will be a really fun way to sing in the season, complete with song books, hot chocolate and yummy treats at Peg's after caroling. Hope you all will join us. Meet at Peg's at the corner of Oak and Country Club at Please call **Peg at 997-7455** for more information

Now that is a neighborhood activity schedule to really look forward to!!!

These events are carefully planned and lovingly organized for this special community so that we may all share in the joy of creating our lives here, in this "little town". If you have questions, a desire to help or ideas for more events please call me.



Kelly Larson

692-0824

## Notes from the Police Blotter of the Crystal Lake Park Chief of Police

I'm here for you folks!

No issues to report. Please let me know how I can be of service. I'm expecting each of you to be my ears and eyes regarding working together to keep our neighborhood safe. Thank you.

I am on electronic distribution for Frontenac's Police Bulletin. Any Police news from Frontenac and surrounding communities will be shared to all residents via our newsletter.

Thanks to the Frontenac Police Department for supporting our July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Thank you

*Steve Sood*

A few reminders:

### **Speed Limit**

First and foremost, the speed limit on every CLP street is 20 MPH.

### **Stop Signs**

Stop signs are a regulatory sign that's used when traffic is required to stop. Please heed all stop signs as the burden of safety rests with all of us.

### **Parking**

Trucks may not be parked overnight on any street.

### **Trash/Recycling**

Trash/Recycling containers may not be put out earlier than 5:00PM the evening before pickup.

### **Signs**

One standard "For Sale" sign is permitted on property for sale. One "Open House" sign is allowed on said property during hours it is available for inspection. Signs for other purposes require a permit – available from the City Clerk.

### **Animals**

Leash law is enforced. Dogs must be fenced or leashed at all times.

Pooper – Scooper law is also enforced.

### **Construction**

A Building Permit must be obtained from the Building Commissioner prior to start of any construction, installation or remodeling.

For detailed and better understanding of our ordinances, please consult the inside pages of CLP City Directory, the building commissioner, **Robb Lappe 997-0127** and the city website: [www.crystallakepark.org](http://www.crystallakepark.org).



### **Trees for all**

Free and reduced price trees specially selected by a hometown expert are available to all CLP residents.

The first tree is FREE. More are available for a reduced price. Fall is the best time to plant since the trees are going dormant and the ground is still un-frozen.

To discuss your options call

**CLP Parks Commissioner Greg Heck** at 997-0127

*"Trees make life better"*

### *Simple and delicious*

#### **CRYSTAL LAKE PARK RECIPES**

##### ----- POTATO PANCAKES -----

4 CUPS POTATO BUDS  
1 CAN WATERCHESNUTS CHOPPED  
1/4 TEASPOON DILL  
1 FINELY CHOPPED ONION. TAKE OFF OUTER SKIN AND CORE.  
4 EGGS  
1 1/2 CUP BISQUICK  
ADD ENOUGH MILK OR WATER, FOR BISQUICK BISQUIT RECIPE ON BOX  
OIL OF CHOICE; 1/2 CUP-----LET STAND 10 MINUTES IN FRIDGE.  
MIX INGREDIENTS TOGETHER AND FORM 2 " BALLS AND PRESS ONTO COOKIE SHEET  
BAKE AT 350 TURNING ONCE WITH SPACULA, UNTIL BOTH SIDES ARE GOLDEN BROWN.  
SERVE WITH APPLESAUCE AND SOUR CREAM.  
( YOU CAN ADD DICED CHICKEN IF DESIRED)

##### ----- MINI BURGERS -----

DOLLAR ROLLS CUT IN HALVES  
2 1/2 LBS GROUND BEEF  
2 EGGS  
GARLIC POWDER  
1/2 CUP KETCHUP  
1/2 CUP MUSTARD  
1/2 PACKAGE OF ONION SOUP MIX  
MIX TOGETHER AND SPREAD THINLY ON BUNS. BAKE UNTIL BROWN BUT EDGES OF BUNS ARE NOT  
BURNED. BROIL QUICKLY FOR BROWNING TOP.

##### ----- FRIED PEACH SANDWICH -----

SLICE PEACHES AND FOLD IN POWDERED SUGAR . CHILL FOR 1 HOUR. ADD BLUEBERRIES OR OTHER FRUIT  
IF DESIRED.  
SLICE BAKERY BREAD IN THICK SLICES.  
GRILL BREAD WITH BUTTER ON BOTH SIDES.  
SPOON PEACHES ON TOP OF HOT BREAD.  
YUM. LIKE A COBBLER!

Courtesy of Iron Chefs: **Jim & Susan Cooper**  
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