

Village of Crete

Crete Crosstown News Special Edition-Fall/Winter 2011



This special edition of the Crete Crosstown News is primarily focused on the issue of waste hauling services. In 2011, the Village of Crete Board of Trustees agreed to a 5-year contract extension with Allied Waste regarding waste hauling services for the residents and businesses within the Village of Crete. The information contained herein is intended to provide all interested parties with the specifics of this extension, important dates, route information and other information regarding how to dispose of certain items as a result of changes in state law. The cost of this newsletter is 100% funded by Allied Waste Services. Please carefully review the information and keep this newsletter handy as a reference. Waste hauling information begins on page 2.



A Message from Mayor Michael Einhorn

State of the Village: It won't be long and the snow will be flying and another year will be behind us. It has been a challenging year for the Village, but we have survived, and as long as circumstances don't change too much, we appear to have financially stabilized for the time being. The State of Illinois is 4-5 months behind on making income tax payment to the Village, which amounts to about a quarter of a million dollars, and this affects our cash flow, so strict attention needs to be paid to finances. We are currently negotiating with both police unions and as you may expect, the sticking point is pay raises for both. It will be the first contract for the sergeants and they are seeking a very substantial increase. The patrolmen have received contractual raises every year for the past two decades of at least three percent, while the rest of the Village employees have been frozen for the last two years. This is a less than ideal situation, considering the current economic climate, and we are doing our best to manage the circumstance with our limited resources. We have recently paid off our road construction bonds, so next year we will have an extra \$130,000 of Motor Fuel Tax money to spend on road repairs. All patching and paving has been done for this year at a cost of about \$180,000. Hopefully, we will have a mild winter and the amount of salt needed will be small, which will save additional dollars. We are now battling leaves and branches until the snow flies and the Christmas decorations go up. Please do not rake leaves into the street. Leave them on the grass at the curb so they do not clog the storm drains when it rains. Also, consolidating your leaves into fewer piles will speed up the vacuuming operation and save time and money. Every little bit helps and you can play a big roll in making the process more efficient. The water department has completed the fall flushing program and all four water towers have been cleaned by divers without removing the water. This is done much in the same way that you would clean a swimming pool. This is the first time that these two operations have coincided and now the entire system has been thoroughly cleaned all at one time. Finally, as we move into the winter season please remember to adopt a fire hydrant if we get a heavy snow fall. Clearing the snow will expedite the fire fighting function should the need arise.

Economic Development: We have had some reasonably good success in the economic development department this year. We are very fortunate to have landed three significant new businesses during the last year. First was Universal Steel America, a steel plate processing company that has its roots in Germany and moved here from Gary, Indiana. They built a new 85,000 square foot facility along West Burville Road and opened in April. This company brought 30 jobs to Crete and more are expected in the future as they build on their success and offer more services. Next, we have Silliker Labs, a food testing and research company, that serves a variety of Fortune 500 companies with laboratory services. They are currently building their new facility in the Park of Commerce along the west side of IL Route 394. Construction is underway and the walls should be going up on the 71,000 square foot facility in mid November and will be completed sometime in 2012. It will be the home for about 200 employees performing highly technical work. And finally, to help feed the employees of these new companies, we welcome the new Culver's Restaurant that has just opened on Volbrecht Road south of Steger Road. (See "Message" continued on pg. 2)



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This new addition to Crete's landscape is owned by a Crete Township resident, and we welcome them to the business community. It appears that sales at Culver's has started out brisk, another sign that the IL 394 corridor is a good place to locate; a fact that has already been demonstrated by the success of Kohl's, and something we hope will be repeated in the future by other new businesses. We must however, keep in mind that we need to support all of our local businesses, old as well as new. They are the backbone of our community and our economy and their success is vital.

Illustrating this fact is the recent updating and renovation that has taken place at McDonald's during the last year and the renovations that are under way at Crete Commons in the downtown area. Also, not to be overlooked is the new location of McNally Landscaping on North Main Street. Byron McNally's new business has really improved the property and now offers a wide variety of plants, accessories and services. Finally, there has also been a big new addition to Crete Garden Center and Nursery located just south of the Kohl's store that will enhance the services and products provided by Don and Josh Rietveld. Visit them both and you will be surprised.

We follow up on every new lead we get and have several new businesses that are currently considering locating in our Village. All of these are well established concerns that are looking to relocate or build new facilities, and we are doing everything possible to meet their needs and convince them that Crete is a business friendly community and a good place to be. In addition, we have two large companies currently located in Crete that are looking to expand their operation. We are working hard to help them work through that process. Finally, it has been reported that the CenterPoint development could be started within the next 12 to 24 months as negotiations advance with the railroad.

All of this is done in an attempt to broaden our tax base, foster job growth and strengthen our financial future with minimal impact to our current quality of life. We pride ourselves in being uncomplicated, flexible and able to get things done in the quickest time possible. We have found that companies can take a long time to make decisions related to relocating or building new facilities, but when they do, they need things done in a hurry and we understand this mentality and how important the time value of money is to business.

Final Thoughts: Last years Country Christmas event was a great success and the weather was about as good as it could get. With light snow falling during the parade and perfect seasonal temperatures, if you didn't attend the events, you really missed a great, enjoyable time. We can only hope and pray that this year will turn out as nice as last year. Many volunteers have put in countless hours into making this event what it is, and there still is a need for volunteers. Please show your support for the community and make time to attend some or all of the events. There is something for everyone and this is a good opportunity to bring this community together, meet some new people and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas. Event programs will be available throughout the Village and on line. And finally, on behalf of myself, the Village Board and all the employees, I would like to extend warm holiday wishes to all and good health and happiness in the new year.

Village of Crete agrees to 5-year contract extension with Allied Waste

On June 27, 2011, the Village of Crete Board of Trustees approved a 5-year contract extension with Allied Waste Services to provide residential and commercial waste hauling services within the Village of Crete. Led by Trustee Holly Milburn, Trustee in charge of Public Health, Village Officials negotiated an extension that **includes a 0% increase in residential rates for the first two of the five years.** Residents will continue to enjoy garbage and yard waste pickup as they have in the past with a few minor changes. Some of the highlights of the new extension include:

-Allied will provide all homeowners **free of charge** a 96 gallon toter for trash pickup. The ownership, delivery and maintenance/replacement of the toters will be the responsibility of Allied. Residents will no longer be responsible for paying a toter rental fee. Smaller toters are available upon request. Additional toters will be provided if necessary. Contact Allied at 708-385-8252 for details.

-Toters for yard waste will be provided upon request **free of charge** to the homeowner. Yard waste can also be disposed of in biodegradable yard waste bags or containers that do not exceed 35 gallons that are clearly marked "Yard Waste", as is currently the practice. Yard waste includes branches and leaves. **We encourage homeowners to utilize Allied Waste for branch and leaf pickup.**

-Bulk items will be picked up at no extra cost to homeowners, as is currently the case. If you have a bulk item, please try to call Allied ahead of time at 708-385-8252 to let them know what to expect.

A Message from Allied Waste Services

Allied Waste would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Village of Crete for allowing us to manage your solid waste needs for the last 15 years. We take pride in providing quality services to our customers in an efficient and professional manner. Please take a few moments to read the information below regarding the services that are being provided to you. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our customer service department at 708-385-8252 or 1-815-472-3332.

Allied Waste will soon be providing each home with a garbage toter. The rental fee on the toters that some residents have been paying will no longer apply as of January 1, 2012. These toters are being supplied at no charge to the residents.

HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

All household garbage is to be put in the toters and placed out for pick-up by 6:00 am on your regular pick-up day. Household trash should be placed inside the toter provided by Allied Waste, please place the toters at the curb with the opening facing the street...the handles facing you home. This will help facilitate our new automated pickup process. Toters will be delivered to residents starting on December 1st. Please continue using your existing trash and recycling containers until you receive your toters.

If your family needs additional toters please call Allied Waste customer service at 708-385-8252. If you wish for us to dispose of your old trash containers, please tape a note to the container asking the driver to do so.

If you are in need of an extra pick-up or require a large container for a special clean-up, contact our customer service dept. at 708-385-8252.

YARD WASTE

Yard waste service is provided from April 1st through November 30th on your regular garbage pick-up day. **Your monthly trash rate includes pickup of yard waste which includes branches and leaves.**

There are **three ways** to dispose of your yard waste:

1. Place all waste in 30-gallon brown paper yard waste bags. No stickers are required. Yard waste bags can be found at local hardware and grocery stores.
2. Apply the "Yard Waste" sticker to your own 35-gallon container. "Yard Waste" stickers are available at the Village of Crete Village Hall at 524 W. Exchange Street or by calling our customer service department at 708-385-8252. The stickers are used to identify yard waste containers and are available at no charge.
3. 96-gallon yard waste containers from Allied Waste will be made available by contacting our customer service department at 708-385-8252. These containers will be provided to Village of Crete homeowners at no charge.

PLEASE NOTE: Yard Waste contaminated with trash will not be picked up. Trash and yard waste must be kept separate. A sticker notifying the resident of contamination will be placed on the yard waste.

YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.

Tree branches must be bundled in a maximum 2 feet in diameter and 4 feet in length and should weigh no more than 40 lbs. Tree branches in excess of two inches in diameter should not be bundled but placed in approved containers

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Should your regular pick-up day fall on or after one of the following holidays, your pick-up will be delayed one day for that week only:

New Year's Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving
Fourth of July	Christmas Day

This year Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday. That means our Drivers will be off on Monday, and the truck will be running one day late.

The 2010 U.S. Census indicates a Village of Crete population of 8,259. This is an increase of 547 persons or a 7.1% increase over the year 2000. There are 3,387 total housing units in the Village. According to census figures, 3,191 are occupied for an avg. household size of 2.6 persons per household. The average family size in the Village is 3.06 persons/family. Thanks to all our residents for participating in the 2010 U.S. Census!!!!

Save The Date

Crete Country Christmas Weekend

December 2-4, 2011

Bring the Family out for a fun filled weekend.

Chili Cookoff ~ Hayrides ~ Electric Light Parade ~ Trolley Rides

Pet Blessings ~ Craft Show ~ Kringle Market ~ Scavenger Hunt

For more information email us at:

www.cretechamber@sbcglobal.net

Or visit www.CreteCountryChristmas.com

Presented by The Crete Country Christmas Committee

Much of the success of this event is due to volunteers. If you belong to a social/church/civic/school group who would like to get involved , please call 708-672-9216.

Changes in Your Garbage Pickup Day

The growth the Village of Crete has experienced over the past has caused the need to change route days for some of the residents. Please take a close look at the following list of street names to see if your residence will have a new pickup day. We created the new route day set up in order to even out the time the driver is on a route. Allowing the drivers to even out their routes will give the residents a more efficient and safer level of service. Realizing that change is never easy, we made the change in a way that would effect a few families a possible. **Most residents pickup day will remain the same. Any changes will take effect January 1, 2012.** If you have any questions, please call Allied Waste customer service at 708-385-8252.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Pickup Day</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Pickup Day</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Pickup Day</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Pickup Day</u>
Aberdeen	Monday	Barbara Ct.	Friday	Brenner	Monday	Cornwall	Monday
Alpine	Monday	Barry	Thursday	Brighton	Friday	Country Ct.	Wednesday
Amanda Ct.	Thursday	Beckwith	Monday	Burville	Thursday	Country Ln.	Wednesday
Amber Ct.	Thursday	Belfast	Monday	Carol	Wednesday	Coventry Ln.	Friday
Arbon	Monday	Benton (north of Exchange)	Friday	Cass	Thursday	Craig	Thursday
Arthur	Wednesday	Benton (south of Exchange)	Thursday	Chalet	Monday	Crete Blvd.	Thursday
Ashley Ct.	Thursday	Berk	Monday	Charles	Wednesday	Crete Rd.	Wednesday
Austin	Thursday	Berkshire	Monday	Colony	Friday	Dairy	Friday
Ayr	Monday	Brackman	Thursday	Columbia	Friday	Dale	Wednesday
Ayr Ct.	Monday	Bradford	Monday	Cooper Pl.	Monday	Deerhaven	Monday

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Denell	Monday	Haweswood	Monday	Main (north of Exchange)	Friday	Richton (west of Beckwith)	Monday
Devonshire	Monday	Haweswood Ct.	Monday	Main (south of Exchange)	Thursday	Robert	Wednesday
Division	Thursday	Hereford	Monday	Melanie	Wednesday	Rohe	Friday
Donovan	Wednesday	Herman	Thursday	Merioneth	Wednesday	Ronald	Wednesday
Dorsetshire	Monday	Hewes	Thursday	Michael	Thursday	Rosedale	Monday
Douglas (eastside)	Friday	Honey	Wednesday	Milburn (east of Douglas)	Friday	Sangamon	Thursday
Douglas (westside)	Friday	Hubbard	Thursday	Milburn (west of Douglas)	Friday	Second	Friday
Dunbar	Monday	Huntington	Monday	Mill	Thursday	Selleck	Thursday
East Ave.	Thursday	Huntley Ct.	Wednesday	Montgomery	Wednesday	Somerset	Monday
East (north of Exchange)	Friday	Huntley Ter. (east of Beckwith)	Wednesday	Moray	Monday	St. Andrews	Monday
East (south of Exchange)	Thursday	Huntley Ter. (west of Beckwith)	Monday	Naoma	Thursday	Stafford	Monday
Edward	Wednesday	Huntley Woods	Wednesday	Newport	Friday	State St.	Monday
Elizabeth (north of Exchange)	Friday	Independence	Friday	Nicolette	Wednesday	Steger (southside-east of Beckwith)	Wednesday
Elizabeth (south of Exchange)	Thursday	Innsbruck	Monday	North	Friday	Steger (State to Beckwith)	Monday
Exchange St. (east of 239)	Monday	Inverness	Monday	Oakleaf	Friday	Surrey	Monday
Exchange St. (northside to westside of Douglas)	Friday	Islay	Monday	Oakwood	Friday	Sussex	Monday
Fairway	Monday	Jacqueline	Wednesday	Old Monee Rd	Thursday	Tee Ct.	Monday
Faithorn	Thursday	Jefferson	Friday	Orchard Dr.	Thursday	Third	Friday
Farm	Thursday	Jennifer	Wednesday	Orchard Terr.	Monday	Todd Ct.	Thursday
Fifth	Friday	Joe Orr	Friday	Park	Thursday	Vincennes	Thursday
First	Friday	Joyce Ct.	Thursday	Parliament	Friday	Vista	Thursday
Geneva	Monday	Julie	Wednesday	Patricia	Wednesday	Warwick	Monday
Gilbert	Wednesday	Karen Ct.	Thursday	Patriot	Friday	Washington	Friday
Gloucester	Wednesday	Kent	Monday	Pearl	Friday	Wayne	Thursday
Gordon	Thursday	Laurel Ct.	Thursday	Perry	Thursday	Williams	Monday
Greenbrier	Monday	Liberty	Friday	Potomac	Friday	Williams Ct.	Thursday
Hampshire	Monday	Lincoln	Friday	Radnor	Monday	Willow	Thursday
Hampton Ct.	Friday	Linden	Friday	Revere	Friday	Wilshire	Monday
Harrison Ct.	Thursday	Lumber	Friday	Richton (east of Beckwith)	Wednesday	Wingate	Friday
		Lyle	Wednesday			Wood (north of Exchange)	Friday
						Wood (south of Exchange)	Thursday
						Yorkshire	Monday
						Zurich	Monday

Changes in Illinois State Law Prohibits Disposal of Electronic Waste

On August 10, 2011, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation approving Senate Bill 2106 which was designed to increase electronics recycling in Illinois. This new law requires that more electronic products be recycled rather than dumped into landfills.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the following items will no longer be picked up by our refuse hauler (Allied Waste) and must be recycled. As of January 1, these items will be banned from being placed in landfills.

Televisions/Monitors

Computers

Printers

Keyboards

Computer Mouse

Scanners

Zip Drives

Tablet Computers

Fax Machines

Video Cassette Recorders/Players (VCR)

Digital Video Recorders/Players (DVR)

Portable digital music players (iPODS, MP3 Players, etc.)

Cable Converter Boxes or Satellite Receivers

Game Consoles (PlayStation, Xbox, etc.)



E-Recyclers are growing in number. When selecting a “E-Recycler” make sure that the company provides a guarantee to clean/clear your hard drive and other data in your computer system. **PLEASE be careful to PROTECT your PRIVATE information from others!!!**

The following are some of the “E-Recyclers” currently operating in the region. Be sure to contact your local agencies to check for their participation:

American Legion Halls (contact your local hall to determine participation)

Townships (contact your local township to determine participation)

VetTec.US / www.kingofgreen.org / 630-549-3025

ChicagoTechs / St. Charles / www.chi-techs.com / 630-549-3025

VintageTechRecyclers / Romeoville / www.vintagetechnrecyclers.com / 1-877-540-7269

USMe LLC / Alsip / 312-582-1887

Com2 Recycling Solutions / multiple towns / 630-653-2662

Great Lakes Electronics Corp. / Bedford Park / 1-888-392-7831

Sims Recycling Solutions / multiple towns / 630-231-6060

Goodwill Industries / multiple towns / 815-987-6219 / 262-551-2843

E-Cycle Technologies / Homer Glen / 708-372-5937

Assistive Technology Exchange Network / Tinley Park / 708-444-8460

Creative Recycling Solutions / Willowbrook / 630-752-0056

Intecon Solutions / Chicago Heights / www.interconsolutions.com / 708-756-9838

Illinois EPA Website E-Recycler Information / <http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/consumer-education.html>

Trash & Garbage Regulations.....Reminders

General Information

- Residential refuse will be picked up once a week at the curb. Pickup schedule is available on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter and is also available online at www.villageofcrete.org. Look under “Garbage Collection” under the “Public Works Department” tab under the heading of “Departments”. You can also call Allied Waste at 708-385-8252 or contact the Village Hall at 672-5431.
- The new garbage totes provided to each residence are heavy duty - 96 gallon with their lids permanently attached and large wheels so there easy to move. Smaller containers are also available. Please take advantage of these new containers and get rid of all of your old smaller garbage cans. You will have more capacity, with fewer containers to store on your property.
- Garbage must be placed inside containers with lids closed to prevent wildlife from getting in, and to keep trash & rubbish from falling out or blowing out.
- By ordinance no trash may be placed out for collection prior to 6:00 p.m. the evening prior to your designated pickup day, and must be out prior to 7:00 a.m. of your scheduled day of collection. Empty containers need to be brought in from the curb by midnight the day of your pickup.
- Bulky items (furniture, appliance, etc), will be picked up at no extra charge, although Allied Waste does request a courtesy call at 708-385-8252 when these items will be disposed of. Please remember when disposing of refrigerators or freezers to remove the doors as a precautionary measure and as required by the village’s property maintenance code.
- When disposing of carpeting and padding, cut the carpet and pad into manageable 4’ widths, roll and bind them with rope or duct tape and stack it neatly at the curb along with your regular trash containers.

The same times apply for large items and carpeting, please do not put these items out any earlier then your regular garbage.

All totes should be places on the parkway in front of your residence and not into the street where it can create a hazard for drivers.

Between pick up dates, please keep your garbage storage area clean, and be sure to keep lid on your cans at all times.

- Holiday Schedule, no pickup on these days as pickup for the entire week following the holiday will be delayed by one day!
 - New Years Day - Labor Day
 - Memorial Day - Thanksgiving
 - Fourth of July - Christmas Day

Construction Debris & Dumpsters

Construction debris (garbage and rubbish) cannot be put out at the curb with your normal trash pickup unless it meets the regular pickup rules of being inside a container.

For large amounts of construction debris a dumpster should be used to handle all of the waste. A dumpster may be brought in by the property owner at their own expense. The dumpster must be contained within the owners property (not placed on any part of the villages property, streets, or right-of-ways), and must be placed on a solid surface like concrete or asphalt driveway. Putting a dumpster on the lawn or grass area is not permitted.

Dumpsters must be emptied when they become filled, and not allowed to have debris blowing or falling out of, and must be removed as soon as the construction is complete.

Don’t forget that building permits are required for most construction work, and if you are unsure if a permit is required, please call our building department to ask! We appreciate your cooperation!!

Crete's Featured Business

As a regular feature in our newsletter, we will focus on at least two businesses in the Crete community. This will allow you, the residents of Crete, to get to know a little more about some of the products and services available to you right here in the Village of Crete. We hope you enjoy this feature and look to our Spring/Summer edition for our next set of featured businesses.

Ultimate Flavors Popcorn Shoppe

1016 E. Steger Road

Crete, IL 60417

Our journey started about three years ago, when my wife and I decided we wanted to open up our own business. After speaking with my mom telling her I wanted to start some type of business, she stated she has a friend who is in the popcorn business and that my wife and I should seriously consider this as an idea. From there, the idea was born. Starting in the late summer of 2008, we developed a business plan that took about 3 months to complete. In 2009, the planning phase began and the main goal was to save money. This was very difficult but we kept our eye on the prize and did not waver from our goal. During that time we purchased equipment while my wife Mary perfected the popcorn recipes. Initially, we made popcorn for our families but later expanded to friends and other acquaintances. The one comment we kept hearing over and over again was that we had a hit on our hands. Of course, there were some flavors that did not make it but overall there were no negative comments about our popcorn. In the second half of 2010, we revisited our business plan working with SCORE at Governor's State University. SCORE is the best kept secret in the South Suburbs. They provide free business help for entrepreneurs. SCORE provided us a critical unbiased opinion on our business plan and our mission statement. Once we had the SCORE's "OK" we started our site selection. Since we are residents of Crete, we decided to open our business in Crete. On September 19, 2011, Ultimate Flavors Popcorn Shoppe opened its doors to start serving the greatest tasting popcorn in the south suburbs. Mary and I enjoy meeting all the wonderful people from Crete and the surrounding areas.

Owners are Roderick and Mary Wafer. We have 3 daughters; 2 attend Crete Monee High School and our third is in pre-school.

Shorewood Home and Auto

1762 Dixie Highway (Moving Soon to 3445 Eagle Nest Drive)

Crete, IL 60417

Shorewood Home and Auto opened for business in October of 1974 in Shorewood as a Coast to Coast Hardware store. In February 2008 we purchased Ken's Lawn and Leisure in Crete and further expanded the existing John Deere line. We now offer a complete line of consumer and commercial John Deere equipment along with John Deere skid steers, compact excavators and compact wheel loaders. We also carry full lines of Stihl and Echo power equipment, Honda power equipment along with various supporting lines to make Shorewood Home and Auto your one stop shop for all lawn and garden equipment needs.

On the fun side of things, we offer a full line of Polaris ATV's, Ranger utility vehicles and snowmobiles. We have technicians on staff to repair or maintain your Polaris vehicle.

Here at Shorewood Home and Auto we service everything we sell. The fact that we have a full service department on site sets us apart from the "big box" stores. We even service some equipment that we don't sell. And, if you do your own maintenance, we have a large inventory of parts available for our customers.

Stop by our showroom or visit us on the web at www.shorewoodhomeandauto.com.





1334 Benton Street, Crete

This historic home is featured on the 2011 holiday card of the Crete Historical Society. It was built by Daniel and Fidelia Hewes in 1877. Fidelia's parents, Willard and Dyantha Wood, were the founding settlers of Crete in 1836. Daniel's parents, Luman and Lucy Hewes, were some of the first pioneers in Crete Township in 1837, settling the area where Balmoral Park Racetrack is now located. Daniel Hewes was an owner of a dry goods and grocery store and the Hewes Hotel in the center of Crete. He also was a dealer in live hogs and grain and a brick manufacturer. Mr. Hewes served as Justice of the Peace from 1867 to 1893 when he was appointed Crete Postmaster.

In 1991 Sharon Komes purchased and renovated the home. She found Crete to be the perfect place to raise her family. She was awarded a Beautification Award by the Crete Historical Society in 1994 for maintaining the home's historical character during renovation.

The holiday cards are available at the Crete Library to purchase for \$7 for a packet of 10 cards.

The **Crete Remembered** books by Carol Triebold and Phyllis Monks are available for purchase at the Library and are wonderful holiday gifts. **Crete Remembered** -Volume 5 has over 150 pages of Crete history and photos. The stories include bank robberies, golf courses, businesses, historic homes and much more about the interesting events and characters of Crete.

Be Careful.....It's a Winter Wonderland out there!!!!

Shortly, we will be in the winter season and the snow will be flying. Please keep safety in mind when you venture out and adjust your driving to the conditions. Public works has a sufficient supply of salt for the coming winter based upon past use history. They try to be conservative with the use of salt, while still ensuring that safety is maintained. Alternatives to the use of salt are also being discussed and reviewed. Remember that all vehicles need to be off the street if it snows more than 2". Please pay attention to weather reports and assist the plowing efforts by keeping your vehicles off the street. **DO NOT shovel or blow snow from your driveway into the street. This is a violation of Village ordinance and may result in a ticket and fine.** If there is a fire hydrant close to your property and you are capable, help make sure it is cleared of snow to provide easy fire department access in case of a fire emergency. Have a safe fall and winter season, and from all of us here at the Village, have a wonderful and especially safe holiday season!!!

Domestic Violence and Partner Abuse

News from the Crete Police Department

The Village of Crete Police Department is committed to the prevention of domestic violence / partner abuse through intervention.

Domestic violence / partner abuse is a crime. It is not a private family matter. It occurs in all socio-economic, ethnic and cultural groups.

Domestic violence / partner abuse is defined as attempting to cause or causing abuse of a family or household member or high-risk adult with disabilities, or attempting to cause or causing neglect or exploitation of a high-risk adult with disabilities which threatens the adult's health and safety.

It is the duty and the responsibility of the police to arrest and charge persons when there are reasonable grounds to believe an assault or some other criminal offense has occurred in a domestic situation. Reasonable grounds may exist even in circumstances where there are no visible injuries or independent witnesses. It is the police duty to lay a charge whether or not the victim wishes to proceed with the matter.

Charges may include various forms of assault, battery, domestic battery, violations of orders of protection, criminal harassment or various crimes against property if they relate to the domestic situation.

Violence within relationships has distinctive dynamics not found in other violent crimes. It is rarely an isolated incident, and frequently the violence increases over time. Individuals living in these relationships may feel isolated, fearful, guilty, helpless, ashamed and/or responsible.

The effect on children living in homes where domestic violence / partner abuse is occurring may be harmful and long lasting. There is higher likelihood that these children will become involved in delinquency. If the violence is unchecked, they will come to view violence as a normal part of a relationship, and they will continue this vicious cycle into their adult lives. They may also feel responsible, confused, frightened, and unhappy. They may have insomnia, nightmares, and bedwetting difficulties. They may behave aggressively or withdraw to avoid attention. They may develop physical illnesses, or become depressed or suicidal.

The Cycle of Violence

○ The calm is a period of great remorse and apology. Often promises are made that the violence will never happen again. The calm period becomes shorter and may disappear over time.

○ Tensions will gradually build.

The explosion occurs when tensions reach a certain point and the violence erupts. The explosion intensifies in frequency and duration and there is a shorter calm and period of tension build up.

Breaking the Cycle

The victim is not responsible for the actions of the abuser. If you are a victim of domestic violence / partner abuse, or you know someone who is, please talk to someone about the situation. It is only with help that victims can begin to break the cycle. The cycle of violence cannot be broken without help. Arrest intervenes in the cycle of violence, and offers the greatest and safest potential for ending it.

The Police will

○ Provide for the immediate safety of the victim and children.

○ Actively pursue the apprehension and charging of the offender and the subsequent notification to the victim.

○ Ensure the enforcement of all court orders.

Ensure the victim is referred to the appropriate support agencies.

James M. Paoletti
Chief of Police
Village of Crete

“Keep the Wreath Red” Program

The Crete Fire Department would like to remind everyone to “Keep the Wreath Red” this holiday season. The “Keep the Wreath Red” Program was established in 1954 by Naperville, Illinois firefighter Paul Boecker. Annually, the “Keep the Wreath Red” program is endorsed by the IFCA Board of directors to alert residents of fires caused by holiday decorations. This program is a visual reminder to our citizens to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season. In 1980, the Crete Fire Department joined fire departments around the Country in the “Keep the Wreath Red” program. As the holiday season begins, each fire station places in public view, a holiday wreath decorated with red bulbs. The wreaths are illuminated constantly. If a fire is directly caused by holiday decorations, one red bulb will be changed to a white bulb.

The Crete Fire Department offers the following tips to help “Keep the Wreath Red”

CHRISTMAS TREES

- Consider an artificial tree as they are much safer and cleaner.
- Select only fresh trees that are deep green in color, have a strong scent of pine, and do not lose their needles readily.
- Do not rely on chemical sprays to make your tree flame resistant.
- Keep fresh trees in water-holding stands and keep stands full of water.
- Place trees away from heat sources and a safe distance from exits.

LIGHTS

- Buy and use lights approved by a national testing laboratory.
- Discard any lights that have frayed or worn cords, broken or cracked sockets, loose connections, bare wires, or that operate intermittently.
- Never use indoor lights outdoors.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Do not run extension cords under carpets, across doorways, or near heaters.
- Unplug lights when you leave your home or before going to bed.

HOLIDAY FLAMES

- Keep matches, lighters and candles out of children’s reach.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Keep candles in sturdy holders and away from combustibles
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing near open flames of a fireplace, candle, or stove
- Burn only well-seasoned, dry wood in your fireplace.

CANDLES

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candleholders that are sturdy, will not tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect wax drippings.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candlewicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder. Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.
- During power outages, avoid carrying a lit candle. Use flashlights instead.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

- Provide smokers with deep, non-tip ashtrays and check under furniture and trash cans for smoldering cigarettes.
- Be sure all exits are clear during parties.
- Use chafing dishes with caution.

Please use our wreaths as a reminder to have a Fire Safe Holiday and help us to “KEEP THE WREATHS RED”

Questions or comments can be directed to the Crete Fire Department Public Education Office at (708) 672-2727.

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Have a Safe, Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!!!!