

Crosslake Communiqué

January 2016



We Hope the New Year is a YOU Year

Happy New Year from all of us at Crosslake Communications. As 2016 begins, it's a great time to focus on YOU — what you want to change, enjoy, and learn during the next 12 months. We may be able to help you achieve some of your New Year's resolutions. For example, if you plan to gain skills by watching educational videos online, upgrading your Internet speed will quickly make those lessons a more enjoyable experience.

Office Closings

Crosslake Communications and City Hall will be closed:

- Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

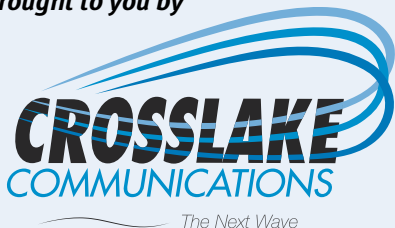
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Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm
For help with service problems during non-business hours, please call 218-692-2777 or 800-992-8220. A live answering service may dispatch a technician.

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You now have lots of options for where and how you watch movies. For example, on some blustery days, have the kids build a fort with blankets. Then combine our high-speed Internet with a tablet for a cinematic adventure using a streaming service like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Instant Video, or Vudu.

If curling up on the family room couch is more their style, equip your TV with our DVR service so you can record movies and TV shows that they can watch whenever they'd like.



With the right technology, even cold winter days can be enjoyable! Call our office at 218-692-2777 for more information on our Internet and cable TV services.

Landline Benefits You May Not Think About

We often talk about the reliability of landlines (they still work when the power goes out) and the added peace of mind (911 operators can see your exact location during an emergency call). But there are many other landline benefits, some of which are less famous and a bit more quirky.

Here are some of our favorites:

You can hear everyone much better.

When you actually want to talk to people, rather than text them, it's the phone to use. With a landline, your connection won't suddenly drop off mid-sentence.

Old-school phones look really cool.

They add a retro touch to your home décor.

You can slam down the receiver when angry. Pressing "end call" doesn't produce the same feeling of satisfaction.

You may get more sleep. Having a smartphone by your bed is an invitation to check your texts, email, and social media, which is a surefire way not to fall asleep.

You can't accidentally butt-dial anyone. Enough said.

There's a phone number for the whole household. It can be useful to have a phone that serves the house generally and not a specific member of the family, particularly if there's business to be done regarding the house itself.

Questions about landlines? Call us at 218-692-2777.



Four Technology Resolutions to Make for the New Year

Don't forget about your computer and other devices when making New Year's resolutions. The suggestions below could save you tons of time and trouble in the coming year.

1. I will back up my data. Consider the vast amount of personal data (some of it irreplaceable) stored on your devices — photos, music files, documents, contacts, calendars, and more. What happens to these files if someone steals your laptop, your hard drive fails, or there's a nasty virus? It's imperative to back up your data regularly, either through a local solution such as an external hard drive or a cloud storage option.

2. I will responsibly manage my digital reputation. Think twice before you post photos on Facebook and other social media sites, since your digital reputation may be a factor in a variety of situations. Do you want a party photo of you to be seen by potential employers or clients, extended family, or school admissions officers? Remember, what you post online may be accessed virtually forever through online searches.

3. I will keep my software and operating system updated. Software makers continually update their programs to fix problems and add more functionality. If you have the option for "automatic" updates — in software such as your operating system, Internet security programs, and Web browser — click to accept this feature. By doing so, updates will be automatically downloaded whenever they become available.

4. I will fight back against spam. Spam is a thorn in the side of most computer users, since it clutters up your inbox and wastes time. You can greatly reduce the amount of spam you receive by employing a combination of strategies. Check your email or Web mail program to see what your options are for junk mail filters, and bump up your filters so they keep more spam out of your inbox. You can also block specific senders or flag words that might suggest the message is spam (such as "Viagra").



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Crosslake Area Library

Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2016. The winter holidays are past and we can now enjoy some quiet time. Come in and stock up on some reading materials, or just visit our cozy reading space next to the fireplace and catch up on the news and entertainment with our periodicals.

Some of you may have received reading devices, laptops, or a new smartphone for Christmas. We have instructions here in the library for setting them up with eBooks from the 3M Cloud Library through the Kitchigami Regional Library. Kim Larson is available to help you set up your device if you are having trouble. All you need is a library card from KRLS. If you do not have one, you may sign up right here in Crosslake.

The PAL Foundation has gifted the library a new, more 'set-up' friendly, holiday tree. Thank you PAL! As you take down your holiday decorations, keep us in mind for next year and help us accumulate ornaments, lights, etc. for our tree. However, please keep in mind we are a library and strive to be unbiased in theme, meaning no "religious" or "political" items. Finally, with the bitter cold temperatures, we would appreciate and ask that all library

materials that are plastic in nature to be dropped off for check-in inside the building so as not to damage materials.

Note: The Library will be closed January 18 honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor's Report

Steve Roe, Mayor

Happy New Year to all! It is hard to believe that 2015 is history. I hope that all of you had a very happy Holiday Season. We continue to work hard in promoting Crosslake as the place to be. Holiday season performances, gatherings and decorations are all part of this promotion. The City Council has accomplished many subtle changes that should help make our City more attractive and easier to promote for business and residential development. We performed within our 2015 budget and have set the 2016 budget. In 2016, we will no longer receive funds from Crosslake Communications. Some of your real estate tax increase is due to this change. This is a long overdue action.

The Crosslake Winterfest is just around the corner, February 4 – 6, 2016. Many fun events are planned along with limited edition clothing commemorating the Winterfest. Please plan on participating in this great event.

Economic Development

Patty Norgaard, EDA President

Over the past years, we have talked about submitting an application to the Minnesota Design Team. This conversation was a result of our "Boom Town" meetings that you attended. With a grant from the Initiative Foundation and financial support from the Crosslake Economic Development Authority, we will be submitting an application for fall of 2016. However, for that to become a reality, we need to be one of the communities selected.

Information will be available over the coming months. So here is a snapshot of what a Minnesota Design Team visit will look like:

"The Minnesota Design Team process is a way of bringing people together to generate ideas to improve their community and create a sustainable future. A Design Team visit will help crystallize these ideas and energize the community."

Crosslake has a great start with a Comprehensive City Plan. We have medical facilities, public safety, community center and a school along with retail and private businesses and great recreational facilities.

It will be exciting to watch 2016 unfold with the projects we will be undertaking.

Parks and Library (PAL) Foundation Update

Included in this month's Communiqué is an insert explaining more about the Park and Library Foundation of Crosslake (PAL) and the projects that the Foundation supports. We hope that you will consider supporting our initiatives. Happy New Year!



Crosslake Parks and Recreation



To register or receive more information on park or library programs, please contact the Community Center at 218-692-4271 or the Library at 218-692-7323. You can also log into the City website (www.cityofcrosslake.org) and click the programs and activities tab or find us under the departments tab.

Adult Fitness Activities

Open Gym

Hours vary; stop by for a schedule.

Crosslake Walkers & Talkers

The Community Center gym is open Monday - Friday, 8 - 9 am for walking.

Yoga

"Yoga with Gail," Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 am.

Community Center Fitness Room

The Community Center offers an array of fitness equipment and the fitness room is open to everyone 15 and older. Day passes and memberships are available. We also offer fitness incentive programs for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of MN and ND, Preferred One, Health Partners and South Country Health Alliance.

Pickleball Mixer

Pickleball Mixer's new winter hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3:30 pm and Friday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Learn the basics, meet other players and enjoy this popular sport. Memberships and day passes are available.

Pickleball Private Rentals

Rent an inside court on Thursdays, 1 - 3 pm. Court/equipment rental is \$10/hour and must be secured in advance of play by calling 218-692-4271.

Adult Volleyball

Join us for some competitive volleyball Wednesday evenings starting at 6:15 pm. Current session runs through February 10. Memberships and day passes are available.

Senior Programs

Senior Nutrition Site

The Community Center is the site for the Senior Nutrition program Monday - Friday. Lunch is served at 11:30 am. For reservations, call 218-692-4271 by 4 pm the business day prior to your meal. Deliveries are also available to home-bound individuals in the Crosslake area.

SilverSneakers® Program Offerings:

Classic Class

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am. Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living.

SilverSneakers® Circuit Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:15 am. Combine fun with fitness to increase your cardiovascular power and muscular endurance with a standing circuit workout.

SilverSneakers® Yoga Stretch

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 am.

This popular class will move your whole body through a series of seated and standing yoga poses. As with all the SilverSneakers classes, a chair is used for support, stretching, and relaxation exercises. Classes are free to all eligible SilverSneakers members. Non-members may purchase a \$28 punch card, good for 8 classes, or a day pass for \$4/class.

Silver&Fit

Silver&Fit is designed to help older adults achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Silver&Fit provides eligible members with no-cost or low-cost fitness memberships through arrangements with some health plans. Silver&Fit is provided by American Specialty Health Fitness, Inc., a subsidiary of American Specialty Health, Inc.

Education

AAA Driver Safety Program

The Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center and AAA are sponsoring a four-hour refresher course for repeat students on Wednesday, January 6, 9 am - 1 pm. To register, call AAA at 888-234-1294.

Crosslake Chautauqua

Chautauqua is an educational forum providing free programming on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm, April through September. See you in 2016.

Winter Activities

Cross Country Ski Trails

The park's five-mile system, which encompasses several lakes and scenic overlooks, will be available this winter snow permitting. Maps of the trail system will be available at the Parks and Recreation office for a nominal fee or may be downloaded at our City website at www.cityofcrosslake.org.

Outdoor Skating Pond

Temperature and weather permitting, the skating pond will be in operation this winter. Skating pond is located behind the softball field. Parking directional signs will be posted. Designated skating and pond hockey areas will be available. Please call 218-692-4271 for updates and information regarding conditions and hours of operation.

Upcoming Events

Crosslake Winterfest 2016

Join us at the Crosslake City Park on Friday,

February 5 from 7 - 9 pm for kickoff fun and fireworks at the 13th Annual Winterfest Celebration. Enjoy sleigh rides, bonfires, scavenger hunt, treats and more! The fireworks display will be held at 9 pm. For a full schedule of activities, visit www.explorebrainerdlakes.com.

Community Center Announcements

Christmas Tree Disposal

The Parks and Recreation Department will once again be collecting Christmas trees for approximately two weeks after Christmas and the New Year's holiday. The location of the drop-off site will be the east end of the Community Center parking lot next to the Community Garden. Please call 218-692-4271 for more information.



Community Center Clubs Calendar

Art Club.....	January 4, 18, 1 pm
Woodcarvers.....	January 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:30 pm
Railroad Club.....	January 11, 1 pm
Garden Club.....	January 20, 1 pm
Bridge.....	January 8, 15, 22, 29, 1 pm
Mah Jongg.....	January 7, 14, 21, 28, 1 pm

**The Book Club will meet again in April 2016. See you then!*

Community Center Hours • 218-692-4271

Monday through Thursday, 5 am - 9 pm
Friday, 5 am - 7 pm
Saturday, 8 am - 4 pm
Sunday, 8 am - 4 pm

Library Hours • 218-692-READ (7323)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday, 10 am - 1 pm

The Community Center will be closed on January 1, 2016.