

October 30, 2011

We received between 12 and 16 inches of snow from the Tuesday snowstorm, and predictions this morning are that two more storms may impact us this week – Tuesday and Saturday. Be sure you are prepared for winter driving conditions; it appears that our beautiful autumn weather has moved out of our area and we now should plan for the wintry white of late fall/early winter.

I've been asked to share with you the following explanations for the two 501(c)(3) organizations that exist here in Crystal Lakes:

"There is a difference between the Crystal Lakes Community Fund Association (CLCFA) and the Crystal Lakes Fire Information, Resource, Education and Safety Corporation (CL FIRES).

"The Crystal Lakes Community Fund Association is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt association which supports the Crystal Lakes community through improvement and beautification projects financed through memberships and donations. CLCFA has completed significant projects throughout Crystal Lakes from funds raised in the amount of over \$33,000.00. This organization would not be successful without the support of Crystal Lakes' members who contribute and volunteer. Please go to the Crystal Lakes webpage at [www.crystal-lakes.org](http://www.crystal-lakes.org) and then to the Community Fund link to see what we are about.

"CL FIRES is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit charitable corporation as of September 25, 2011, with an effective date of April 28, 2011. The organizers of CL FIRES through its governing documents have the ability to raise funds, apply for grants, and award grants to the CLVFD and community groups for the purpose of supporting community fire prevention by providing information resources; fire fighting service resources, and personal and property fire prevention education and safety information. CL FIRES raises funds through memberships, donations, fund raising activities and grant applications. All membership and donations are tax deductible. Please go to [www.clfires.org](http://www.clfires.org) to find more information."

Thanks to Jeanette Williams for providing the above descriptions for each distinctive organization.

I hope if you find Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin, that it brings you lots of your favorite treats!

I'll keep you posted.

Jody