Recreation Office
763-531-0052
8:00 am- 4:30 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Monday-Friday

Recreation Supervisor
Marcia Bach
763-531-1153

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952-746-4028

Senior Dining
Dinner at Your Door
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9:00 am-1:00 pm

District #281
Community Education
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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, 2015

Prime Time News

CRYSTAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER

Senior Spotlight

DEBY SMITH-OPEN GAME LEADER

DEBY SMITH is our wonderful volunteer leader of Open Game Day and Open Game Night. She and her husband, Michael, have three adult sons who now have families of their own. She is proud of her six grandchildren! Deby is a native Californian who moved to Minnesota in 2001. She has been a life long crafter, enjoying beading and sewing. Cards and games have always been a part of her life. Her family would get together and have tournaments. When their children were young, they would have a weekly Family Night that consisted of cards and games. Since joining the Friendship Center, she has been able to bring back some of that joy, along with making new friends! Deby's enthusiasm is contagious, and we are thankful for her leadership! Join in on Tuesdays at 12:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm. **THANK YOU, DEBY!**

Activities and More

CRYSTAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER

The Crystal Friendship Center is open to all individuals age 55 and better for a yearly fee of **$12 for Crystal residents and $19 for non-residents**. We offer a large gathering room, book and puzzle library, and a billiards room.

WEEKLY FRIENDSHIP CENTER GROUPS

We welcome you to join our many groups that meet throughout the week at the Crystal Friendship Center. After your third day as a visitor, a membership card is required. Come early if you do not have a partner to make arrangements for a place at a table. Limit of 33 tables.

WEEKDAY GAMES
Duplicate Bridge..... **Monday…….12:00 pm**
Not held: July 4 (meets July 5)
Not held: September 5 (meets September 6)
Open Game Day……..Tuesday…….12:00 pm
500..... ..**Wednesday...12:30 pm**
Whist..... .**Thursday……12:30 pm**
Party Bridge..... .**Friday…….12:00 pm**

EVENING GAMES
500.....**Monday…….6:30 pm**
Not held: July 4, September 5
Whist.....Tuesday…….6:30 pm
Cribbage.....**Tuesday……6:30 pm**
Hand & Foot……..**Wednesday…..5:30 pm**
Open Game Night…….Thursday……..6:00 pm

MAH JONGG LESSONS

This is a fast moving, easy to learn game!

Tuesdays, June 7-28, 1:00-3:00 pm

Wednesdays, June 8-29, 6:00-8:00 pm

Tuesdays, August 2-23, 1:00-3:00 pm

LOCATION: Crystal Community Center

FEE: $20 for 4 class session

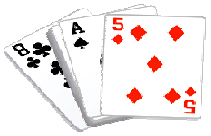
REGISTER: Call 763-531-0052

SENIOR DINING (AGE 60+)

Senior nutritional meals are served Monday-Friday at the Crystal Community Center at 12:00 pm. Reserve your lunch by calling three days in advance at 763-531-1183. Call a friend to join you for a great meal at a reasonable cost of $4.00, payable the day of senior dining. You may also request an earlier time to be served lunch so that you can also play cards that day.

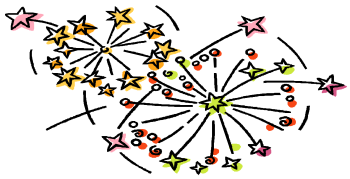
SATURDAY CARD TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments are held in the Minnesota Room. A partner is required to play in the tournament. A Crystal Friendship Center membership is not necessary to participate. Payment is taken when both partners are present. Limit of 33 tables.
500 ($1.50 entry fee)….**12:30 pm**….June 4, July 2, July 30 (Crystal Frolics), August 6, September 3
Whist ($3 entry fee)…..**12:30 pm**.....June 11, July 9, July 21 (Crystal Frolics), August 13, September 10
Duplicate Bridge ($3 entry fee)...**12:00 pm**…..June 18, July 16, July 18 (Crystal Frolics), August 20, September 17
Bridge ($2 entry fee)….**12:00 pm**....June 25, July 23 (Crystal Frolics), August 27, September 24



CRYSTAL FROLICS TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments are held in the Minnesota Room at the Crystal Community Center. A partner is required to play in the card tournaments (except Hand and Foot). A Crystal Friendship membership is not necessary to participate.
Duplicate Bridge* .....Monday, July 18 (12:00pm)
Billiards .....Tuesday, July 19 (12:30pm)
Cribbage* .....Tuesday, July 19 (12:30pm)
Dominoes .....Wednesday, July 20 (12:30pm)
Hand and Foot…….. Wednesday, July 20 (5:30pm)
Pickleball……..Thursday, July 21 (9:00am)
Whist* ....Thursday, July 21 (12:30pm)
Dominoes .....Wednesday, July 20 (10:00am)
Bridge** ..... Saturday, July 23 (12:00pm)
500*** ..... Saturday, July 30 (12:30pm)
*Fee: $3/person
**Fee: $2/person
***Fee: $1.50/person



SENIOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES

District #281 Community Education ▪ 763-504-6990

Dinner At Your Door • 763-531-1183

Senior Dining • 763-531-1183

HOME Northwest • 952-746-4046

Adult/Senior Activities

The Crystal Community Center has a variety of classes and events coming up that are sure to please. For more information, or to register, call the Crystal Recreation Department at 763-531-0052. The Crystal Community Center is located at 4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN 55429.

AARP SMART DRIVER REFRESHER COURSE (4-Hour Class)

Do you want to receive up to a 10% discount on your car insurance for the next three years? If you have had a previous 8-hour class, register for this 4-hour, state-approved refresher course. While no driving is necessary, attendance is required for credit and certificate. Course fills quickly. To receive the AARP membership discount, you must register at the front desk during regular office hours with proof of your membership. Register one week prior to the class start date.

Thursday, July 14 .....9:00 am-1:00 pm
Thursday, September 8……..9:00 am-1:00 pm
Location: Crystal Community Center
Fee: $17 residents with AARP membership
$19 non-residents with AARP membership
$22 residents without AARP membership
$24 non-residents without AARP membership

MHSC DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (4-Hour Class)

The Driver Improvement Program course is taught by a Minnesota Highway Safety Center trained instructor. The class will explore changes in laws, the latest in vehicle technology, and provide you with easy-to-use defensive driving tips. In addition, we will explore traffic safety and accident prevention. The classroom sessions are four hours in length. Completion of this course allows for a 10% reduction on automobile insurance premiums for those over the age of 55. Call 763-531-0052 to register ten days before start date.

Thursday, June 16 .....5:30-9:30 pm
Wednesday, July 20 .....5:30-9:30 pm
Thursday, August 11……..5:30-9:30 pm
Tuesday, September 20……..5:30-9:30 pm
Location: Crystal Community Center
Fee: $20

MHSC DRIVER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (8-Hour Class)

The Driver Improvement Program course is taught by a Minnesota Highway Safety Center trained instructor. Call 763-531-0052 to register ten days before start date.

Saturday, September 17……..8:30 am-4:30 pm
Location: Crystal Community Center
Fee: $24

55+ HEALTH GYM WALK

The Crystal Community Center will have one to three gyms available for walking depending on scheduled activities. Recreation programs and rentals take priority and hallways may be available for walking when there is an event or rental. Black soled shoes not allowed. The Crystal Community Center is available for walking on the following days and times. Closed on July 4.

Tuesdays and Fridays.....8:00 am-2:00 pm
Wednesdays……..12:00-2:00 pm
Location: Crystal Community Center
Fee: Free

PICKLEBALL 55+

Pickleball is for people of all athletic abilities, described as a combination of ping pong, tennis and badminton. It's a great work out, very social, and a competitive and athletic game. It's also a good way to spend time with friends and family. Pickleball uses a plastic whiffle ball and a paddle and is played on a court roughly half the size of a tennis court. The cities of Crystal\ and Golden Valley are offering Pickleball at the Crystal Community Center. This is not a league...come when you can…just drop in…with no advanced registration. Equipment is provided for you to try the game. Gym shoes are required. Call Crystal Recreation 763-531-0052 or Golden Valley Recreation 763-512-2339 with questions. For your convenience, purchase a punch card and save or $2.00 per day.

Mondays and Thursdays ……..9:00 am-1:00 pm
Location: Crystal Community Center
Fee: $2/time $15 for a punch card with 10 punches

OUTDOOR PICKLEBALL

TUESDAYS……..9:00-11:00 am

LOCATION: Medley Park Courts

2331 Ensign Ave. No., Golden Valley

PICKLEBALL FROLICS TOURNAMENT 55+

Thursday, July 21– 10:00 am– 12:00 pm
Crystal Community Center Gym
Registration- $3.00…..Refreshments & Prizes

COMMUNITY TRIPSTERS

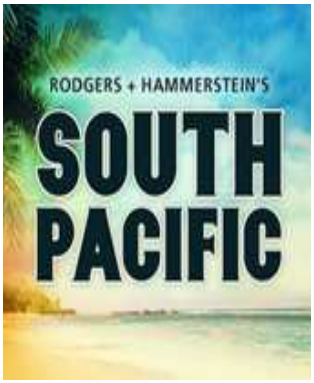
Enjoy these day trips with friends, or join us by yourself and make new friends! This program series is sponsored by the cities of Crystal, Brooklyn Center and New Hope with pick-ups in each city. The cost of each trip is all-inclusive for the entire day including transportation, escort, lunch, tax and gratuity unless otherwise indicated. For more detailed information stop by the Crystal Community Center and pick up a flier or call 763-531-0052.

ST. PAUL SAINTS BALL GAME

Spend a summer afternoon at the new ball park in St. Paul CHS Field. The St. Paul Saints baseball team is a 24 year member of the North Division of the American Association of Independent Professional Baseball and will be playing their second season at CHS field. Enjoy your reserved seats for a matinee game against the Sioux Falls Canaries. For lunch use your Saints Bucks to choose from the variety of good 'ol ballpark food ranging from Ballpark frank hot dogs to brats and burgers to steak sandwiches. Or choose from fish & chips, sub sandwiches, ice cream, soft pretzels, Angie's kettle corn, cheese curds and more! Stop by the Saints Team Store to view the shirts, hats, mini-bats and CHS field merchandise. Return times are approximate. Register by May 23.

Wednesday, June 29……..11:30 am-4:30 pm
Fee: $58

GUTHRIE THEATER "SOUTH PACIFIC"



Upon arrival at the Guthrie Theater, a light luncheon will be served at the Sea Change Restaurant. Choose at registration: 1. Crabcake BLT with French Fries; 2. Vegetarian Omelet with Mixed Greens; 3. Cobb Salad with Smoked Bacon, Egg, Chicken and Bleu Cheese; Beverage: Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea or Fountain Soda. After lunch, visit the gift store. Enjoy Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" on the Wurtele Thrust Stage. Music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II includes "Bali Hai," "There is Nothin' Like a Dame," and "Some Enchanted Evening." Book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan, adapted from the Pulitzer Prizewinning novel, Tales of the South Pacific by James A. Michener, directed by Joseph Haj. Register by May 30.

Wednesday, July 20……..11:00 am– 4:15 pm
Fee: $70

LAKE MINNETONKA CRUISE

Arrive at the Port of Excelsior for a Lake Minnesota Cruise. Board the Lady of the Lake, a historic stern-wheeler. The main cabin is enclosed and is handicapped accessible. The second level is covered and requires climbing a flight of about 10 steps. The top deck is up an additional flight of stairs and is uncovered. Hear a special live narration about Lake Minnetonka from the Captain and crew. Have a box lunch in the main cabin. Select your boxed lunch at sign up. Option 1: turkey croissant sandwich, pasta salad, fruit, dill pickle, cookie and soda. Option 2: roast beef sandwich on an onion roll with cheddar cheese, served with coleslaw, apple, pickle and cookie. After the cruise, we'll dock in Excelsior and enjoy the quaint shops along Water Street in downtown Excelsior. Walk about three block from the dock to the shops. Register by July 25.

Tuesday, August 16……..9:00 am– 1:15 pm
Fee: $58

SPAM MUSEUM & AUSTIN, MN

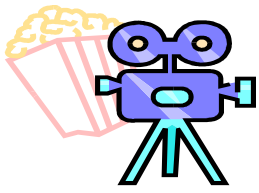
Visit the New Spam Museum in downtown Austin; featuring audios, videos and displays depicting the rich history of Hormel Food. The self-guided tour is interactive, educational and fun! The SPAM gift store has collectible memorabilia and SPAM products, event the hard-to-find varieties. Enjoy lunch at The Old Mill Restaurant located in the historic Ramsey Flour Mill on the Red Cedar River. Menu: Grilled chicken breast served on a bed of wild rice blend, house salad with parmesan peppercorn dressing, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. Spend time exploring Main Street in downtown Austin. The ArtWork Center is a space that features a gallery, clay studio, exhibits and a retail store. The Rydjor Bike Museum has a collection of vintage and collectible bikes, all 84 bikes are on display at the shop along with other merchandise. Other boutiques with one-of-a-kind specialty products are also located on Main Street!
Complete the trip with a stop in Owatonna at Russell Stover Candy for specialty candies and ice cream! Register by August 15.

Thursday, September 15……..8:15 am– 4:30 pm
Fee: $55

Enjoy the Summer!

Friendship Memberships Due

JUNE MEMBERSHIPS DUE	JUNE MEMBERSHIPS CONT.	JULY MEMBERSHIPS DUE	AUGUST MEMBERSHIPS DUE
Aune, Gordon	Olson, Arlene	Brown, Connie	Bricher, Terry
Babineau, Pat	Olson, Ernest	Carlson, Henrietta	Brinda, JoAnn
Bhatt, Gunvant	Perleberg, Ken	Carpenter, Dorothy	Brooks, Catherine
Bodin, Al	Quesnell, Iona	Flynn, Delores	Brooks, Hank
Burch, Barb	Raskin, Janet	Krekelberg, Dorothy	Condon, Marilyn
Carlson, Susan	Rodekuhr, Carolyn	Kubes, Ronald	Knippenberg, Gary
Elert, Sally	Silver, Allen	Meyer, Jeanette	McLaughlin, Mary
Ellis, Gary	Silver, Joan	Nelson, Russell	Mossey, Joan
Ford, Lydia	Slack, Joyce	Nichless, Hal	Rosenzweig, Jerry
Gibson, Laura	Slack, Thurman	Ophoven, Michael	Stern, Anita
Gustafson, David	Stegall, Jean	Sinjem, Kitty	Strunk, Jill
Haugland, Linda	Swadner, Ray	Smith, Michael	Winters, Lauri
Hedlund, Lewis	Taylor, Dale	Steinke, Warren	Winters, Wesley
Heil, Lydia	Toberman, Jay	Teresi, Barbara	
Hermansen, Marlys	Twadell, Deb	Walker, Deanne	
Holland, Sharon	Waller, Janice	Wall, Kenneth	
Maetzold, Vern	Welander, Kathleen	Wells, Nickee	
Mashaal, Diane	Whelan, Mary	Young, Steve	
McAdam, Bryce	Youngs, Carole		
Meuser, Ron	Zimmerman, Frances		
Molstad, Mary	Zimmerman, Phillip		
Moral, Lee			
Noack, Barry			
Noack, Pat			



Special Interest Groups

MOVIE DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us **on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Robbinsdale Police and Fire Station, Community Meeting Room (lower level) located at 4101 Hubbard North.** Watch a movie on the big projection screen with surround sound, and discuss the movie afterwards. Call 763-531-1274 for a complete list of upcoming movies. Fee: $1.00

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book Discussion group is for you if you like to read and then talk to someone else about the book. The group meets the **first Tuesday of the month at the Robbinsdale City Hall from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Fee: $2.00 per visit or $10.00 for a one-year membership.

Volunteer Appreciation !!!

Crystal friendship center

Thank you so much!!!

MAYOR JIM ADAMS & LA VETA ZWACK
May 11 was La Veta Zwack Day in the City of Crystal! Mayor Adams presents proclamation to La Veta.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER VOLUNTEERS
Over 40 volunteers were recognized at the annual Senior Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

ROSS MCLEOD ENTERTAINED!
Senior volunteers enjoyed the entertainment by Ross McLeod at the Volunteer Brunch!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!
(L-R) Alma Steuefen , Harvey Fischer, and Peggy Splett enjoyed their time at the Volunteer Brunch!

Summer Fun for All

CRYSTAL COVE AQUATIC PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 11- SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

POOL ADMISSION: (Includes Waterslide)

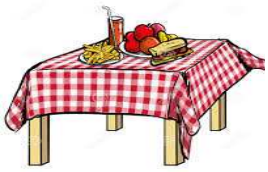
- Daily Admission: $8, *children born after 1/1/14 are free*
- Military Admission: $6
- Senior Admission: $6 (55 years+)
- Twilight Admission: $6 (after 5 pm)
- Adult Lap Swim: $2 (or free with a season pass)
- Daily Admission Coupon Book (10 admissions): $60
- Coupons are good for 2016 only. Purchase at pool or Recreation Office. Good at either the Crystal or New Hope pools. Only cash is accepted for daily admission.

POOL HOURS:

Monday-Friday ……..1:15- 8:30 pm
Saturday/Sunday ……..1:00- 7:00 pm

Special Hours:
Monday, July 4 ……..1:00- 6:00 pm
Fridays, June 17* and August 5* ……..1:15- 7:15 pm
Sunday, August 21……1:00- 6:00 pm
*Evening Special Events

Adult Lap Swim: Monday-Thursday ……..7:15- 8:30 pm
Monday & Wednesday…...10:30 am-12:30 pm
*(see Pool Hours above for early closing times)



PICNIC IN THE PARK!!

Gather your friends for a day or evening of fun and socializing. No alcoholic beverages permitted in parks unless by special permit fees apply. Four Crystal park shelters can be reserved for your picnic and party needs. Each shelter holds 40-50 people. Make reservations during regular business hours. Cost of reservations and permits is as follows:
Reservation/Permit Fee .....$45/picnic shelter resident; $65/picnic shelter non-resident
Park Building Use ...$25 rental fee & $20 key deposit, cash only ($20 refunded upon return of the key)
Picnic Kit ……$20 rental fee and $20 kit deposit, cash only ($20 refunded upon return of the kit)
(Includes softball, bats, scoopball, volleyball, etc.)
Sites include:
Bassett Creek Park, 32nd & Brunswick, North Lions Park, 61st & Louisiana, Lions Valley Place Park, 32nd & Jersey
Note: Refunds will not be given due to weather. Taxes will be applied to all reservations/permit fees.

CRYSTAL LIONS CORN FEED & ANTIQUE CAR RUN
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13– 11:00 am-4:00 pm
BECKER PARK, 6225 56TH Ave. No.

Help support a local civic organization that gives back. Join the Crystal Lions for an (All You Can Eat) Corn Feed and see some great antique cars. The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run is a 120 mile tour of the Minnesota countryside. The "NLNB" makes a stop at Becker Park around 2:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs, and enjoy being entertained by the antique cars. The event will also have Live Music and a Softball Tournament. Besides corn, the Crystal Lions will also be grilling up Hot Dogs and Brats. Entrance to the event is free, but there is a cost to participate in the corn feed and concessions.

CRYSTAL DOG PARK

A special area in Bassett Creek Park, 6001 32nd Avenue North, has been designed for canine companions. This fenced in area has lots of space to roam off-leash to exercise and socialize your dog. Park hours are 6:00am-10:00pm. The park is free.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE & PICKLEBALL

FREE LUNCH- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

THE HEATHERS MANOR

MONDAY, JUNE 27
MONDAY, JULY 25
MONDAY, AUGUST 22

BINGO!

11:00am– 12:00 pm

Tuesday, June 14
Tuesday, July12
Tuesday, August 9

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!

North Ridge Health and Rehab
A MISSION HEALTH Managed Community

FREE! Prizes, Gift Cards, Refreshments

500 Tourney– Saturday, June 4–11:45- 12:30
Duplicate Bridge– Monday, June 6– 11:15-12:00

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR!
COPPERFIELD HILL

CRYSTAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER HOURS

Monday– Wednesday	10:00 am- 9:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am– 4:30 pm
Friday	10:00 am– 4:30 pm
Saturday Tournaments	12:00 pm– 4:30 pm

MINNESOTA ROOM PHONE NUMBER

763-531-1182

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CRYSTAL, MN 55429