

**2014 CRYSTAL  
STATE OF THE CITY**

February 19, 2014

Mayor Jim Adams

# STATE OF THE CITY IS....

GREAT! 2013 was a busy year. The City Council:

- identified goals
- updated the City Code
- proceeded with redevelopment projects and sale of EDA lots

The City Council is looking ahead to more activities in 2014!

Here's a quick review of 2013.

# CITY COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

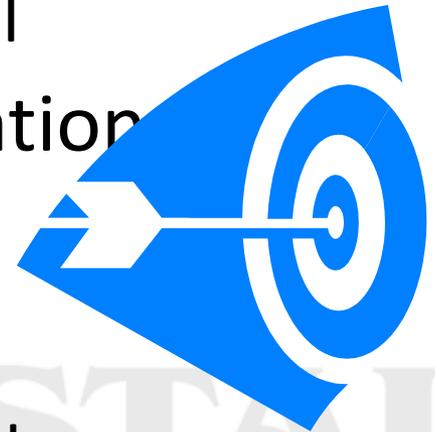


- Financial stability
  - Predictable budgets
  - Planning for infrastructure reinvestment and maintenance
  - Redevelopment – continue efforts
- Open Communication
  - Responsive
  - Respectful



# City Code Updates

- Site Plan Review
  - Simplified the process for commercial building expansions and renovations
- Updated Sign Code
  - Multi-color electronic signs permitted
- Expanded uses permitted in Neighborhood Commercial Districts (sidewalk dining)



# City Code Updates – Urban Chickens

- Chickens are permitted
  - Up to 4
  - No permit required
  - No roosters
  - No fights
  - No butchering
  - Setback requirements from neighboring yards



# Police Department

- New K9 officer Rocco
  - Sworn in June 18, 2013  
(shown here with handler Officer Kusick)
  - Supported with community donations

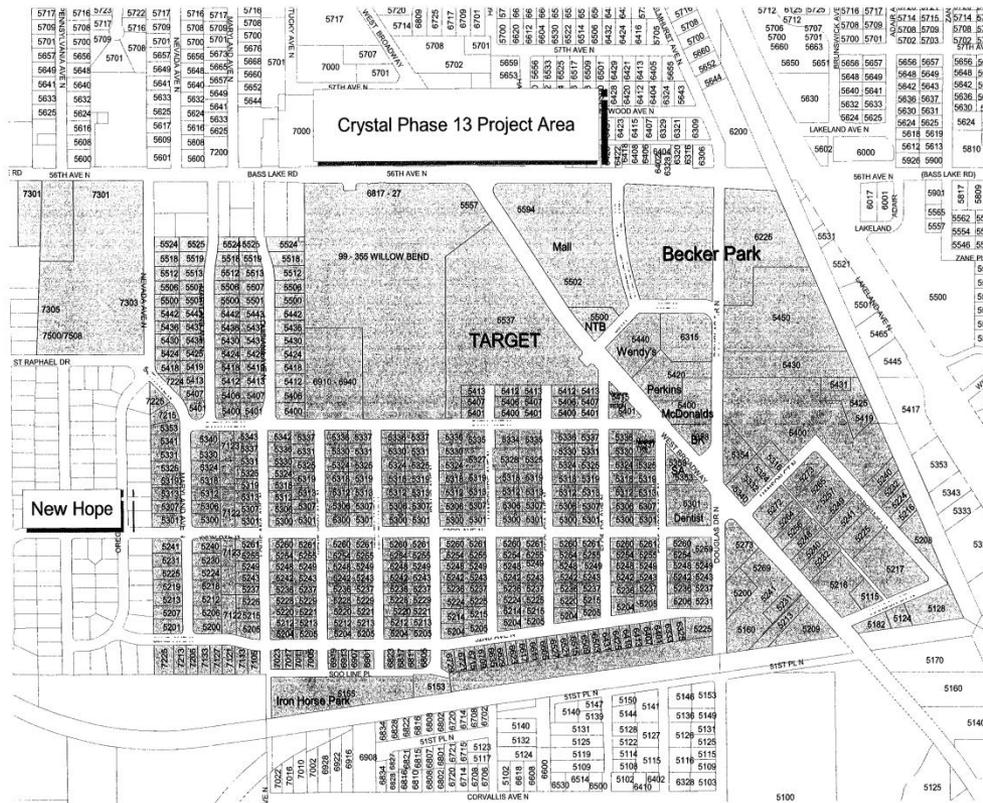


# West Metro Fire District

- New Chief – Chief Sarah Larson was sworn in on June 5, 2013



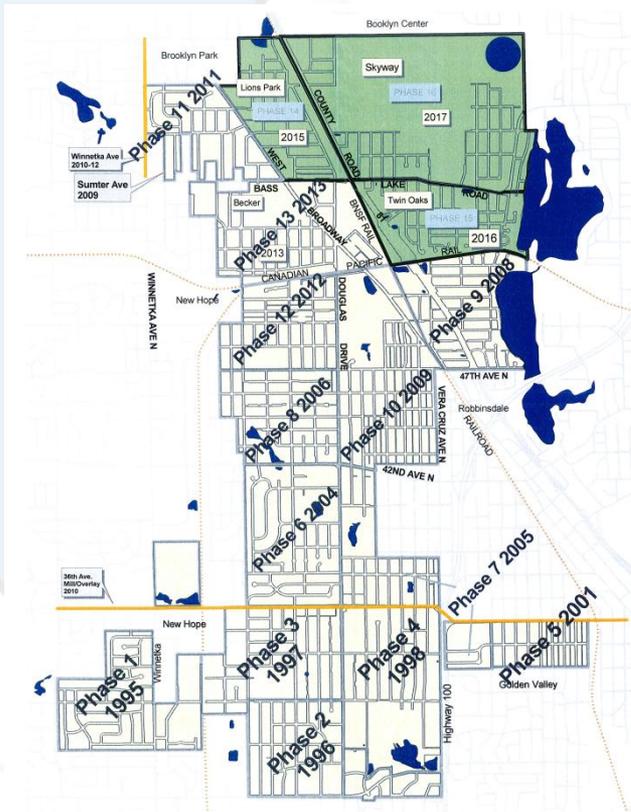
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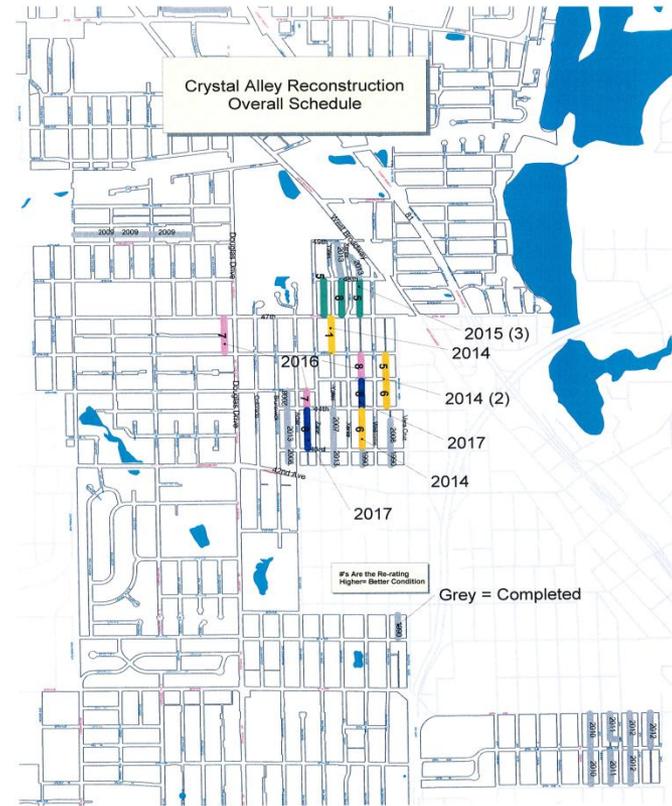
- 2013 – Becker Park neighborhood
- 3 phases remain – 2015-2018

# Reinvesting in Infrastructure

## 2013 Alley Reconstruction Project



## Remaining Phases – 2014-17



# Redevelopment Projects – the Cavanagh



PROPOSED SOUTH ELEVATION



PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION

- The Cavanagh Senior Housing (former Cavanagh School site)
- 8.3 acre site; eastern 4 acres preserved for open space
- Construction to begin May 2014, occupancy in mid-2015
- 130 units – senior housing
- 4 stories



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# Redevelopment Projects – Crystal Gallery Mall



- Crystal Gallery Mall – Update and demall existing building so all tenants visible to street
- New 6,000 sq. ft. building with Starbucks and Noodles as 2 tenants
- Parking lot improvements and reorientation

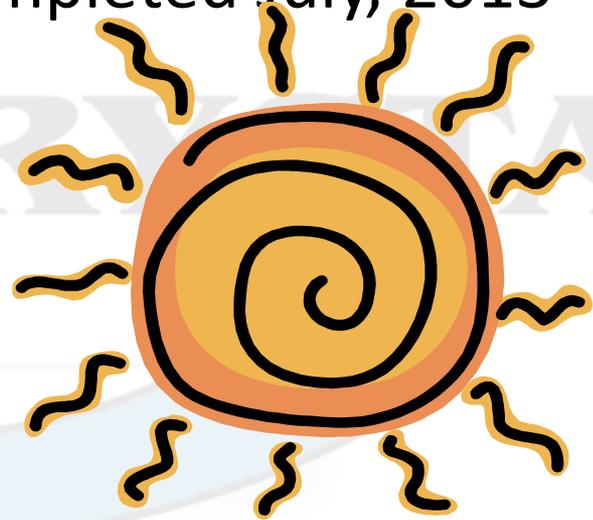
# EDA Scattered Site Single Family Lots

- Purpose of program is to keep neighborhoods strong by removing blight through voluntary acquisitions
- 12 single family lots sold for market rate houses in 2013
- 5 lot sales pending so far in 2014
- 10 lots still available
- 5 lots sold to Habitat for Humanity for new homes



# SOLAR ENERGY

- Working with Xcel Energy and All Energy Solar, solar panels installed (or in process of being installed) at:
  - Community Center – completed July, 2013
  - City Hall – completion April 2014
  - Pool Building – completion – April 2014



# Communication

- Updated website:  
[www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov)
- Follow us on  
Facebook
- Watch meetings on  
[www.twelve.tv](http://www.twelve.tv)



# Crystal Parks

With grants from West Metro Fire-Rescue District Fire Relief Association, Hennepin County Sports and Crystal Little League and contributions from the community, , new lights at the Little League fields



# Crystal Recreation

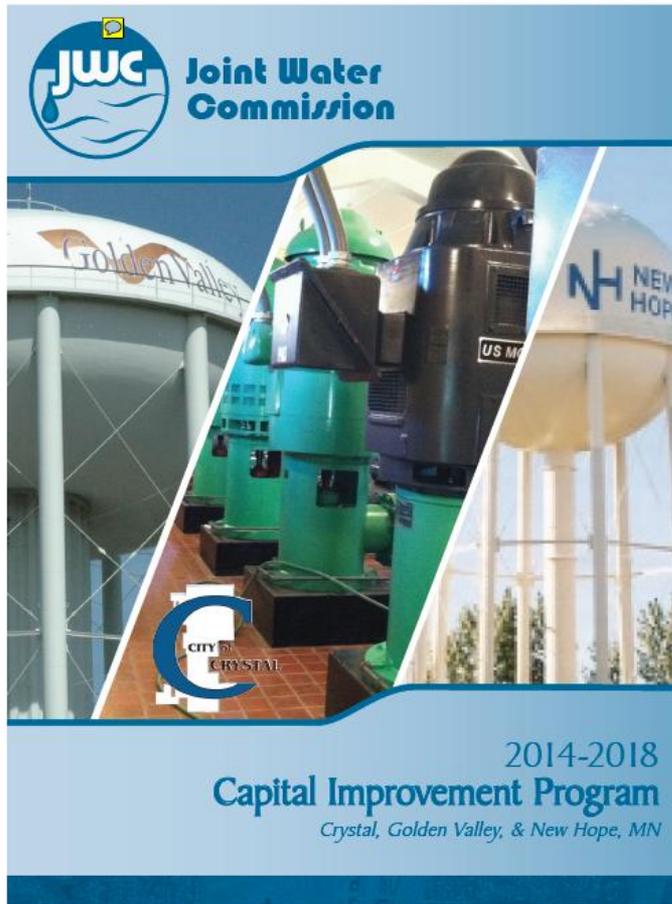
- Crystal Pickleball program
- 4 courts at Community Center used 2 times a week
- Looking at expanding to outdoor courts for summer



# WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2014?

- Progress on redevelopment projects:
  - The Cavanagh
  - Crystal Gallery
  - New Public Works facility
- Continued work on financial strategic plan and construction of new JWC emergency water supply (with Golden Valley and New Hope)

# JWC EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY



- 4 wells:
  - Rehabilitation of existing New Hope well
  - 2 in Crystal
  - 1 in Golden Valley
- Construction to begin in 2014
- Intended for emergency use only

# Crystal City Council



# Thanks for your time!

- Questions?
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