

# NEWSBRIEF



**Date:** December 4, 2015

**To:** Council & Senior Staff

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 16, 2015

**TO:** Newsletter Contributors

**FROM:** Communications Coordinator Mike Peterson

**RE:** 2016 City Newsletter Crystal Connection Deadlines/Mailing Dates

<b>CRYSTAL CONNECTION ISSUE</b>	<b>ARTICLE DEADLINE (End of Day)</b>	<b><u>DELIVERED TO HOMES (approx.)</u></b>
SPRING 2016 (March/April/May)	Friday, Jan. 29	March 1
SUMMER 2016 (June/July/Aug.) <i>(JWC's water quality report)</i>	Friday, April 22	May 23
FALL 2016 (Sept./Oct./Nov.)	Friday, July 22	Aug. 22
WINTER 2016-2017 (Dec./Jan./Feb.)	Friday, Oct. 14	Nov. 14

**NOTE:** This schedule does not contain deadlines for information going into the Crystal Recreation Brochure/Catalog but the city newsletter only.


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## Metro Cities News

### November 25, 2015

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#### Metro Regional/Policy Adoption Meeting

Thanks to the many city officials who attended the metro regional meeting co-hosted by the League of Minnesota Cities and Metro Cities as well as Metro Cities' Policy Adoption meeting, last Wednesday. There was strong attendance, and in addition to afternoon sessions on various topics, the meeting provided an opportunity for city officials to network with their colleagues from throughout the metropolitan area.

Metro Cities received requests for copies of the power point presentations used in the afternoon sessions on the intersection of regional and local planning and transportation/transit. To view the presentations please [click here](#) for the planning session. MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle's presentation on transportation funding be [found here](#) and Chair Adam Duinick's presentation on transit can be [found here](#).

A key issue stressed during the session on transportation was the need for local officials to provide their perspective to state policy makers at the Capitol this session. Metro Cities strongly encourages city officials to be in contact with your local legislators to remind them of the importance of transportation funding to your

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community as we move toward the 2016 session.

Metro Cities' members also adopted the organization's 2016 legislative policies, which will serve as the foundation for our work next year at the Capitol and at the Metropolitan Council. A copy of the adopted policies can be [found here](#). The Metro Cities Board and staff will undertake the setting of 2016 legislative priorities over the next couple of months.

Thanks again to all who attended and made the meeting a success!

### **Met Council Accepting Applications for Equity Advisory Committee**

The Metropolitan Council has announced it is accepting applications for metro residents to serve on a new equity advisory committee. Metro Cities previously reported that the Met Council was forming this committee to assist it with implementing equity goals identified in the regional development framework adopted in 2014.

The committee will be made up of 21 people: four Met Council members, eight community members based on geographical distribution and nine at-large members. The charter includes direction to include members of different races, incomes and abilities, including representation from low-wealth communities and communities of color. City officials may apply, and are also encouraged to forward this information to members of your communities who may be interested.

The [Equity Advisory Committee](#) will advise the Council in its work to advance equity, forming partnerships with communities and residents to participate in the Council's decision making. As proposed, the committee will advise the Council on policy questions and policy related assessments of the Council and create a work plan. Its scope is proposed to be across Council activities. [Applications](#) are now being accepted and will be accepted through January 4, 2016.

Please see the above link for more information. Questions can be directed to Brooke Crosby at 651-602-1630 or [appointmentscoordinator@metc.state.mn.us](mailto:appointmentscoordinator@metc.state.mn.us).

# Crystal Arrest Report

Date Range: 11/25/2015 06:00:00 AM - 12/02/2015 06:00:00 AM

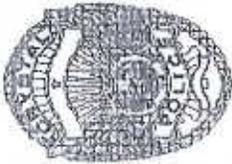
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		Address: 3626 HALIFAX AV N		ROBBINSDALE	MN	55422	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-5	TRAF-DUI 2ND DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/I 2 HOURS				
CYAR15-027927	N	BAGLEY	DOUGLAS	WINTHROP	M	62	11/25/2015 6:21 PM
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		Statute: 171-24-3	TRAF-DRIVING AFTER CANCELLATION				
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		Address: 4110 E RUM RIVER CIR S		CAMBRIDGE	MN	55008	
		Statute: 609-2113-3(2)(C)	PRIM VEHICULAR OPERATION-BODILY HARM-UNDER INFLUENCE				
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		Address: 432 4 ST SE	12	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55414	
		Statute: 609-595-1	CRIMINAL DAMAGE PROP-1ST DEG-OVER \$1000				
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		Address: 2209 WASHINGTON ST NE	13	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55418	
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		Statute: 609-72-1	DISTURB-DISORDERLY CONDUCT				
CYAR15-028242	N	HARTWELL	KALUP	TYRONE	M	31	11/29/2015 8:23 PM
		Address: 6418 56 AV N	1	CRYSTAL	MN	55428	
		Statute: MISWA	MISC OFCR WARRANT ARREST				

End of Report



**CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT**  
**CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to**

**December 2, 2015 - 12:00:00 AM**

CASE NO	LOCATION	OFFENSE	VALUE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE OCCURRED
CY15-028136	55- WEST BROADWAY	ASSAULT- DOMESTIC ASSAULT.			11/28/2015 16:30
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CY15-027928	60 AV N&LAKELAND AV N	CRIM VEHICULAR OPERATION			11/25/2015 18:39
CY15-027979	60- 42 AV N	CRIMINAL DAMAGE PROP-1ST DEG.			11/26/2015 13:48
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CY15-027996	48 AV N&WEST BROADWAY	TRAF-DL-NO MN DL/WRONG CLASS/MORE			11/26/2015 20:15
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CY15-027927	47- 36th Ave	TRAF-DRIVING AFTER CANCELLATION			11/25/2015 17:55
CY15-027927	47- 36th Ave	TRAF-DUI 2ND DEG ALCOHOL CONC			11/25/2015 17:55
CY15-028087	56 AV N&CO RD 81	TRAF-DUI 2ND DEG ALCOHOL CONC			11/28/2015 00:23
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CY15-028087	56 AV N&CO RD 81	TRAF-DUI 2ND DEGREE			11/28/2015 00:23
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CY15-028104	56 AV N&WEST BROADWAY	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE			11/28/2015 04:11
CY15-027979	60- 42 AV N	TRESPASS-BUILDING OR DWELLING			11/26/2015 13:48

End of Report

# CRYSTAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA SUMMARY

Monday, December 14, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Crystal City Hall – Council Chambers  
4141 Douglas Dr N

## A. CALL TO ORDER

## B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 9, 2015 meeting \*

## C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a public institutional use (Robbinsdale School District) at 6801 - 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (Crystal Shopping Center)

## D. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. City Council actions on previous Planning Commission items: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a reduction in the required minimum number of parking spaces at 4700 Welcome Avenue North (Century Link property)
2. Update from Council Liaison
3. Update on City Code Review Task Force
4. Staff preview of likely agenda items for Monday, January 11, 2016 meeting
5. Presentation on Station Area Planning for the Bottineau LRT project

## E. OPEN FORUM

## F. ADJOURNMENT

*\* Items for which supporting materials will be included in the meeting packet*

## CITY OF CRYSTAL

### PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONAL USE (ROBBINSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT) IN THE CRYSTAL SHOPPING CENTER

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**  
**CRYSTAL CITY HALL (4141 DOUGLAS DR N)**

The Crystal Planning Commission will consider a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to allow a public institutional use in tenant spaces 301-325 Willow Bend at the Crystal Shopping Center (parcel address 6801 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue North). The Robbinsdale School District is proposing to lease approximately 42,000 square feet of building space at the shopping center. The District would use this space for their Adult Academic Program and the Robbinsdale Transition Center. A CUP is required to allow this public institutional use at the shopping center.

**Applicant: Paster Properties, Owner of Crystal Shopping Center**

#### **Citizens may also:**

- View the proposed site plan at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours or on the city website at [www.crystalmn.gov/city\\_departments/2015\\_land\\_use\\_applications.php](http://www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/2015_land_use_applications.php)
- View the Planning Commission staff report available after on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The Commission packet will be available at Crystal City Hall during normal business hours or on the city website at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov)

**To discuss the proposed CUP with city staff**, please contact Dan Olson at 763.531.1142 or [dan.olson@crystalmn.gov](mailto:dan.olson@crystalmn.gov).

**To submit written comments for the record**, please send them to Dan Olson, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr. N., Crystal, MN 55422 or email [dan.olson@crystalmn.gov](mailto:dan.olson@crystalmn.gov).

**To speak directly to the Planning Commission**, please attend the public hearing on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall.

**LEGAL NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Crystal will meet on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North, in said City, to consider a Conditional Use Permit application to allow a public institutional use at 6801 – 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue North (Crystal Shopping Center). After holding the public hearing, the Commission is expected to make a recommendation to the City Council for their meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: Dan Olson, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.



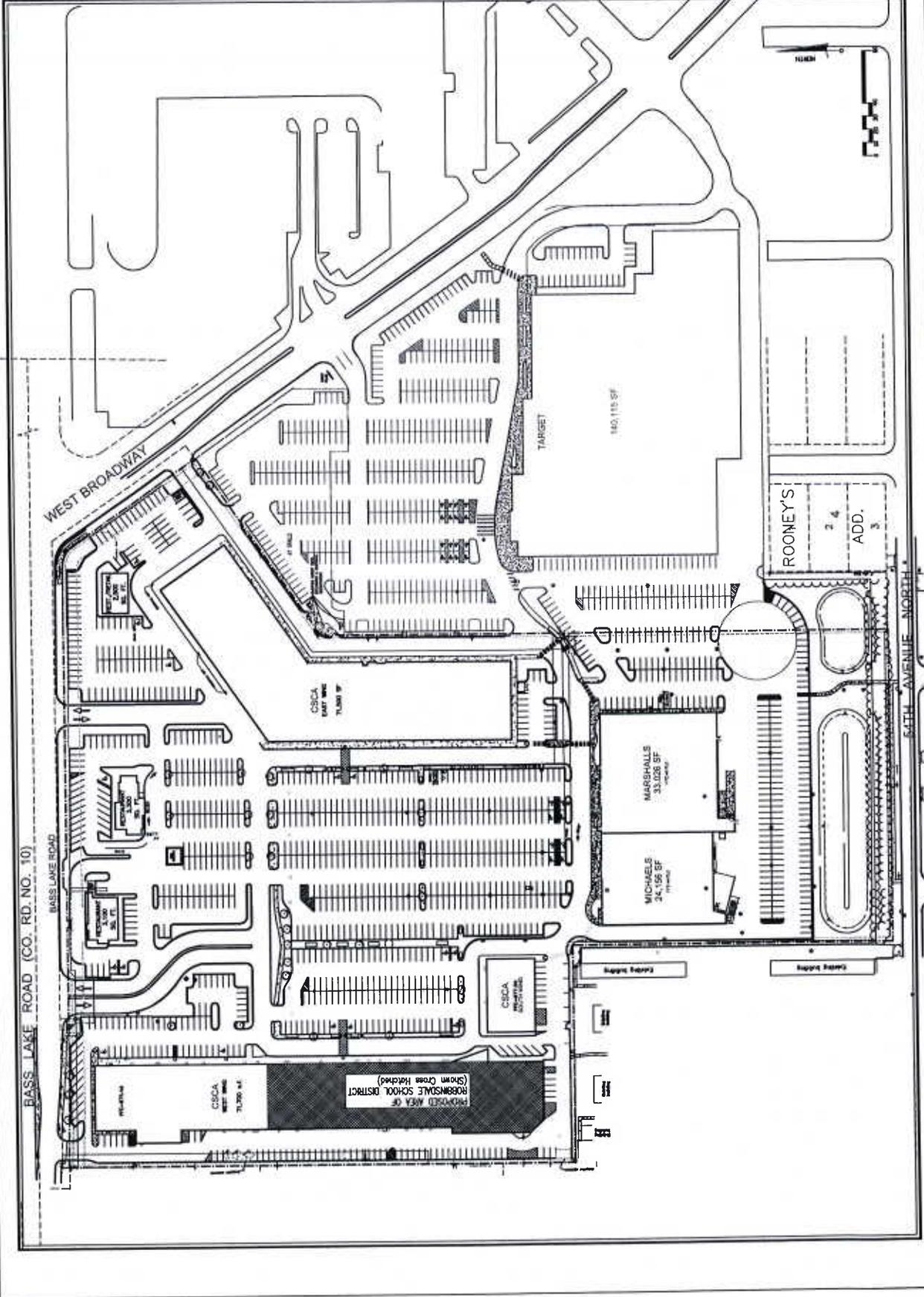
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PROPERTIES

227 UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
ST. PAUL, MN 55102-1007  
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**SITE PLAN**  
CRYSTAL PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER, CRYSTAL MN  
**ROBINSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT**



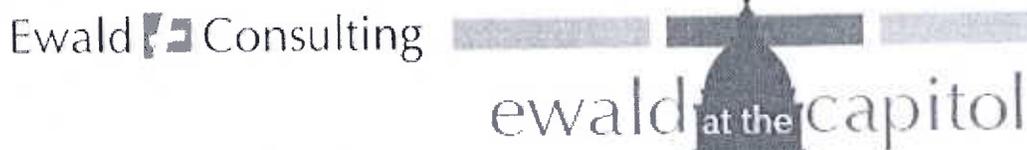
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Anne Norris

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**From:** lauriep@ewald.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 12:50 PM  
**To:** Anne Norris  
**Subject:** Ewald at the Capitol: November Budget Forecast



December 3, 2015

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**November Budget Forecast: \$1.9 Billion Surplus**

The November budget forecast was announced this morning, and Minnesota continues its trend of positive fiscal numbers. (MMB) the state will experience a budget surplus of \$1.9 billion for fiscal year 2016-2017. State law requires that \$1.2 billion of the surplus be set aside for the 2016 legislative session, which will leave roughly \$1.2 billion on the table for lawmakers going into the 2016 legislative session.

Much of the surplus can be accounted for from the over \$800 million left unspent from last year's budget negotiations with Governor Mark Dayton. Also contributing to this total are low unemployment numbers, low gas prices, and higher-than-expected tax revenue.

Ewald Consulting will provide an in-depth analysis of the budget forecast in the Friday, December 4, edition of *Ewald at the Capitol*.

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Approved 12-2-15

**JOINT WATER COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**Golden Valley - Crystal - New Hope**  
**Meeting of November 4, 2015**

The Golden Valley – Crystal – New Hope Joint Water Commission (JWC) meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm in the City of Golden Valley Council Conference Room.

**Commissioners Present**

Anne Norris, City Manager, Crystal  
Kirk McDonald, City Manager, New Hope  
Tim Cruikshank, Golden Valley

**Staff Present**

Marc Nevinski, Director of Physical Development Department, Golden Valley  
Sue Virnig, Finance Director, Golden Valley  
Joe Hansen, Utilities Supervisor, Golden Valley  
Bernie Weber, Operations Manager, New Hope  
Randy Kloeppe, Water Superintendent, Crystal  
Bert Tracy, Public Works Maintenance Manager, Golden Valley  
Dave Lemke, Utilities Supervisor, New Hope  
R.J. Kakach, Utility Engineer, Golden Valley  
Bob Paschke, Director of Public Works, New Hope  
Mark Ray, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Crystal

**Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2015**

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 Joint Water Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

**Election/Appointment of Secretary/Treasurer**

Moved by McDonald seconded by Norris to appoint Tim Cruikshank as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Joint Water Commission. Motion carried.

**Update on the 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue Watermain Project**

REMOVE: Staff reported to the Commission that the 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue Watermain Project is basically complete except for change orders. The Change Orders will be on the December 2, 2015 agenda.

*CORRECTION: Staff reported to the Commission that the 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue Watermain Valve Replacement Project is complete and was approximately \$18,000 under budget due to less materials required. There are no further change orders to be approved.*

**Update on the 42<sup>th</sup> Avenue Watermain Project**

Staff reported to the Commission that the 42<sup>th</sup> Avenue Watermain Project basically complete except for restoration.

**Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2015 at 1:30 pm. In the Golden Valley Council Chamber.

**Adjournment**

Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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Chair Anne Norris

ATTEST:

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Sue Schwalbe, Recording Secretary



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 20, 2015

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**Crystal City Council Stays the Course with On-Street Parking Restrictions**

The City of Crystal's on-street parking ordinance will remain unchanged following months of gathering resident input on the issue. The public provided input to the council via email, phone calls, a public Traffic Symposium, an online survey and other public meetings. The decision was made during a recent work session by the Crystal City Council.

The current, unchanged City ordinance restricts parking from 2 to 5 a.m. year around. Residents can get free temporary parking permits for up to two weeks. Seasonal parking permits are available under certain conditions from the Police Department from April 1 to Nov. 30. The first seasonal permit is free; subsequent ones are \$25 each.

Among the options that were considered were to allow on-street parking from April 1 to Nov. 30 with no permits required for overnight on-street parking. The council also considered that during the period of April 1 to Nov. 30, each household would receive one seasonal parking permit at no cost to be shared with a guest.

State law requires vehicles be moved every 48 hours and parked vehicles must be currently licensed and operational.

**About Crystal**

The City of Crystal is a fully-developed, first-tier suburban community just west of Minneapolis in Hennepin County. The City became a Charter City in 1960 and has a population of 22,151 residents. Crystal enjoys an extensive park system, healthy residential neighborhoods and commercial areas that provide for the needs of a diverse population.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 23, 2015

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**Utility Rate Changes Included in 2016 Fee Schedule**

Although recycling charges and the cost of a gallon of water will not increase in the City of Crystal, residents will see modest increases in sewer, storm drainage and street lights on their utility bills in 2016.

During its regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, the Crystal City Council approved monthly increases of \$0.83 for sanitary sewer use, \$0.30 for residential storm drainage and an approximate \$0.03 increase in street light charges. The City conducts a review of fees charged for services and products every year and the utility rate increases were part of the 2016 fee schedule.

Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) increased its sewer charges to offset inflation and increases in operating and capital outlay costs. The MCES owns and operates eight wastewater treatment plants which serve the seven county Metropolitan Area. All Crystal sanitary sewer treatment is provided by MCES.

Storm drainage charge increases were due to planned capital outlays. The increase for street lights was recommended to offset electricity costs, which are the largest expense for street lights.

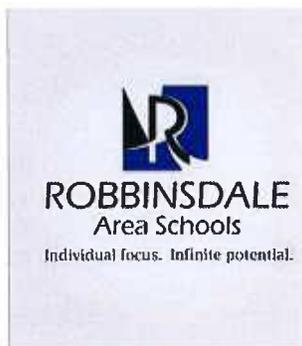
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**Anne Norris**

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**From:** Robbinsdale Area Schools [robbinsdaleareaschools@rdale.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 01, 2015 5:45 PM  
**To:** Anne Norris  
**Subject:** Discover: The Latest News from Robbinsdale Area Schools!



**DISCOVER**

**ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS**

COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015

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**Adult Academic Program honored with award**



The **Adult Academic Program (AAP)** was recently honored with a prestigious state award for its innovative programming. The MCEA Project Award was given to AAP's EL Civics grant project. AAP partners with two retirement homes, HIRED and Hennepin Technical College to introduce students to the high-demand career field of elder care. At the same time, the project also familiarizes them with U.S. history through interviews with seniors and civic participation through community service. Each year, approximately 100 EL learners benefit from this project. This year, the program is adding two partners: Meadow Lake Elementary, to include parents in the program, and RTC, with whom it is doing an entrepreneurship training and Job Olympics project.

## Check out the MyStop bus tracking application

Have you checked out MyStop? MyStop is a web-based application available to all Robbinsdale Area Schools parents and students that lets them access live bus GPS information. Using a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer, parents and students can view the current location of buses on routes and the estimated time of arrival at their neighborhood bus stops.

The school bus's location is automatically updated every few minutes, and the ETA is recalculated to accommodate any delays due to traffic while the bus is en route. Click [here](#) to learn more!



## Community Education Arts and Crafts Fair Dec. 12

Sandburg Learning Center will host the third-annual Robbinsdale Community Education Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

The event will feature a variety of arts and crafts, including handmade scarves, bags and pillows, wool mittens, framed art, handmade baby blankets, quilted items, locally produced preserves and holiday decorations.

Local authors John and Joseph Gindele, along with Marilyn DeMars, will also attend.

Click [here](#) to learn more!



## 'Art is Primary' exhibition opens Dec. 16

Robbin Gallery will host the "Art is Primary" exhibit starting Wednesday, Dec. 16, and running until Saturday, Jan. 2. The exhibition will feature artwork from Robbinsdale Area Schools students in grades K-5.

Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 19, 21-23, 26, 28-30 and Jan. 2; and 4-8 p.m. Dec. 16-18. Click [here](#) for more information on Robbin Gallery.



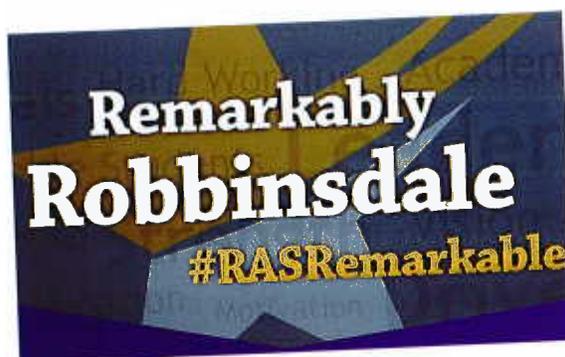
## Teacher, EA of the Year nominations available

Robbinsdale Area Schools is accepting nominations for the 2015-16 Teacher of the Year and Education Assistant of the Year through Dec. 31. The winners of the local Teacher of the Year or EA of the Year will compete in the state level contests. Anyone can nominate a teacher - students, parents, administrators, colleagues, and community members. Self-nominations are also accepted. Nomination forms can be found [here](#).



## Meet our Remarkable students and staff

More than 12,000 students and 2,000 staff members attend class or work at the Robbinsdale Area Schools. They come from different walks of life and different backgrounds, and each has a unique story to tell. We will be sharing them through a new campaign starting this fall. Learn more [here](#). At Robbinsdale Area Schools, we invite all students to make their mark. We are Robbinsdale Remarkable. Know someone Remarkable? Click [here](#) for a nomination form!



## Meet Victoria

Victoria Dalton, one of Robbinsdale Area Schools' remarkable students, has found an outlet for self-expression in her school's dance studio. The FAIR School Crystal fourth-grader discovered a love of dance this year at the fine arts magnet. None of the schools she has attended had dance as an option. At FAIR School Crystal, she finally feels like she is at home.

"Dancing is fun," Victoria says. "We do modern, ballet, hip-hop, African. It's my favorite thing to do at school, and I don't think I would have tried it had I not been here." Victoria hopes to be a veterinarian when she grows up. Animals are her favorite thing in the world, she says.

Click [here](#) to learn more!



## Performing Arts News

**Robbinsdale Middle School's** next play is "The Surprise Party," which will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Here is a synopsis: "The Super Special Surprise Party Planning Company is here to bring YOU the best birthday of your life! A company provides everything for a surprise party, including decorations, presents and even the guests! But when the kitchen crew comes empty-handed, the decorations crew shreds their cookbook for confetti, the guests disappear and the lookout proves a bit too eager for everyone's good, everything starts to go wrong - can anything special happen even when you lose control?" Tickets cost \$5 for students/seniors, and \$7 for adults.

## Upcoming Arts Events

- **Eighth-Grade Band concert with Cooper High School**, 7 p.m. tonight, Cooper High School
- **Armstrong High School Orchestras with Plymouth Middle School Eighth-Grade Orchestra**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Armstrong High School.
- **Plymouth Middle School Eighth-Grade Band** to Armstrong High School, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Armstrong High School
- **Cooper Freshmen and Varsity Choir Winter Concert**, 7 p.m. Monday Dec. 7, at Cooper High School
- **Cooper Bel Canto and Concert Choir Winter Concert**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Cooper High School
- **Plymouth Middle School 6th-7th Grade Band and Jazz Band**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Plymouth Middle School
- **Plymouth Middle School 6th Grade Orchestra/Choir**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Plymouth Middle School
- **Armstrong High School Jazz Band and Chamber Strings**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Armstrong High School
- **Robbinsdale Middle School 6th Grade Band, Choir and Orchestra** concert, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Robbinsdale Middle School
- **All District Choir Winter Tour**, 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 11, at FAIR School Crystal, Zachary Lane Elementary and Meadow Lake Elementary
- **All District Choir PRISM Benefit Concert**, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Armstrong High School.

### Concert Videos:

- [AHS Parade of Bands](#)
- [AHS Fall Orchestra Concert 10-19-15](#)
- [Fall Music Festival at Orchestra Hall](#)
- [Cooper Marching Band Concert "Light Up the Night"](#)
- [All District & Combined Symphony Band Concert](#)
- [Fall Orchestra Festival](#)

**Your Attention, Please:**

Barnes and Noble, 8040 Wedgewood Lane, Maple Grove, will host a book fair for **Meadow Lake Elementary School** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Click [here](#) to view an event flyer and learn more!

Wendy's in Plymouth, 9850 Rockford Road, will host a fundraiser for **Armstrong Choir** from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16. When ordering, tell the register operator you are with Armstrong Choir. Dine-in or take-out orders qualify for 20 percent going back to the AHS Choir Booster General Fund.

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## School Board News

The School Board will meet **Monday, Dec. 14**, at 5:30 p.m. for a work session, followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to get important votes and other news live during the regular and business meetings. For more School Board news, click on Minutes, Podcast and Webcast below.

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## Crystal seeks advisory board applicants

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By Joe Bowen

Once per year, the city of Crystal seeks residents who want to be more involved in their community by volunteering on boards, commissions, task forces and management organizations. These governmental bodies offer advice and support the city council on a variety of issues.

Currently, the city has vacancies for the following positions, most of which are three year terms:

- One alternate position on the Employee Review Board.
- Four positions on the Environmental Quality Commission.
- Seven positions on the Human Rights Commission.
- Three positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- One alternate position on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization.
- One alternate position on the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Organization.

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, Jan. 29. The city council will make appointments following candidate interviews in February 2016.

Info and applications: [crystalmn.gov](http://crystalmn.gov) and click on "Employment and Volunteering," or  call 763-531-1131.

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