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**CITY CALENDAR
 CITIZEN INPUT TIME**

Time: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
 Dates January 20
 February 17

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Dates: December 2 and 16
 January 6 and 20
 February 3 and 17

All City meetings are open to the public and are broadcast live on channel 16. Meetings are rebroadcast the following Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday at 10:30 a.m. Live meeting webstreaming and past meetings can also be viewed from your computer at www.crystalmn.gov, under *Online Services*, go to *OnDemand Council/EDA Meeting Videos*.



**COMMUNICATIONS
 CORNER**

Visit our website at
www.crystalmn.gov

City Manager: Anne Norris

**CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT
 RECORDS UNIT OFFICE HOURS**

Open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

FREQUENTLY-CALLED NUMBERS

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Main Switchboard | 763-531-1000 |
| Animal Control..... | 763-531-5161 |
| Assessing | 763-531-1118 |
| Code Enforcement | 763-531-1143 |
| Community Center/Recreation | 763-531-0052 |
| Crime Tip Hotline..... | 763-531-1020 |
| Elections/Voting | 763-531-1145 |
| Engineering..... | 763-531-1161 |
| Fire (West Metro Fire-Rescue District) | 763-230-7000 |
| Forester..... | 763-531-1162 |
| Parks..... | 763-531-1158 |
| Police Records | 763-531-1014 |
| Police/Fire Emergency | 911 |
| Recycling (Hennepin Recycling Group) | 763-493-8006 |
| Rental Properties | 763-531-1144 |
| Streets..... | 763-531-1164 |
| Utilities | 763-531-1166 |
| Utility Billing..... | 763-531-1114 |
| Zoning and Development..... | 763-531-1142 |

Deaf and hard-of-hearing callers should contact the MN Relay Service at 711 or 1-800-627-3529 V/TTY.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Jim Adams (Mayor)..... | 612-805-5101 | jim.adams@crystalmn.gov |
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**These terms expire 12/31/2014 and were on the November 4 ballot.*

2014 General Election Results

The results of the 2014 General Election were not yet available when this issue of *The Crystal Connection* went to press. The results are posted on the City's website (under *City Government*, then click on *Elections*). Crystal's newly-elected officials will be sworn into office and begin their four-year terms on January 6, 2015.

A special thank you!

Crystal's election staff is comprised of many dedicated election judges and City employees. They are commended for a job well done in helping to administer the 2014 elections! Many hours were spent on the various details of putting together both the State Primary and General Election.



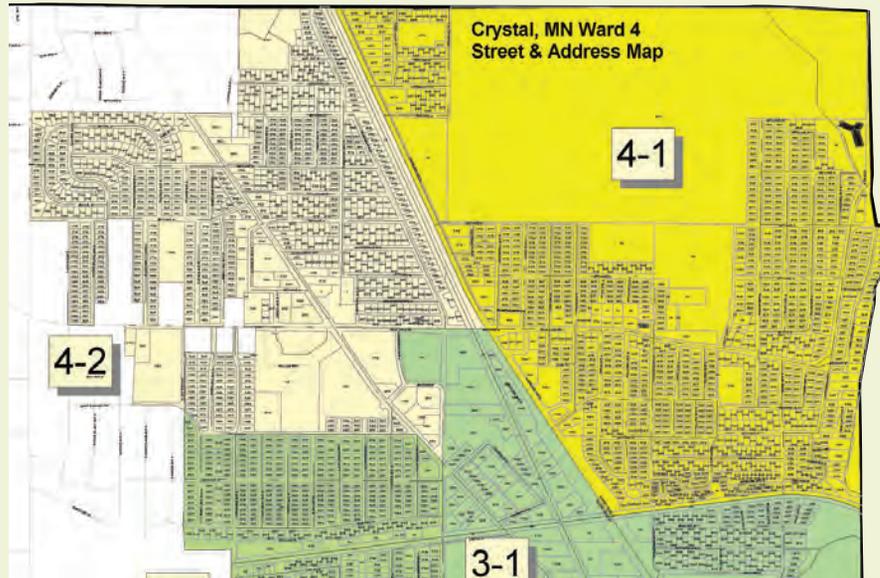
The city clerk's office wishes to give a special thank you to the many election judges who made the elections possible. This includes the four judges who staffed the absentee ballot board, three judges who assisted with healthcare facility voting, two judges who conducted the Public Accuracy Tests, two judges who assisted with absentee voting at City Hall, and 94 judges who were assigned to one of Crystal's 11 precincts on Election Day. Thank you for being an important part of the elections process and team. Your commitment and service are greatly appreciated!

If you have comments regarding election administration in Crystal or are interested in serving as an election judge in future elections, please contact the city clerk at 763-531-1145 or chrissy.serres@crystalmn.gov.

Planning Commission

Designated as the planning agency of the City in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 462.354. The commission holds public hearings and advises the City Council on applications for rezoning, conditional use permits, variances, site & building plans, and plats/lot divisions. To see recent cases considered by the commission, visit the Planning & Zoning page on the City's website. A major project coming up in 2017-2018 will be the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- **One vacancy exists in Ward 4** on this 9-member commission
- Staff liaison john.sutter@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1142



City of Crystal 2015 Budget

The City Council will hold its annual budget public hearing on the 2015 budget and 2015 property tax levy at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Crystal residents are invited to attend the public hearing to express their opinions on the budget and the property tax levy. A final decision will most likely be made on December 2, but could instead be made on December 17.

The City Council adopted a proposed 2015 budget and proposed property tax levy on September 2, 2014. The proposed property tax levy is made up of the following components:

| | 2014 | 2015 | Change | Percent |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$8,237,000 | \$8,402,000 | \$165,000 | 2.00% |
| Pool bonds debt service | 209,000 | 209,000 | 0 | 0% |
| County Highway 81 debt service | 563,153 | 563,153 | 0 | 0% |
| Total City Tax Levies | \$9,009,153 | \$9,174,153 | \$165,000 | 1.83% |
| Economic Development Authority | 208,000 | 239,000 | 31,000 | 14.90% |
| Total All Tax Levies | \$9,217,153 | \$9,413,153 | \$196,000 | 2.13% |

The tax levy proposed in September can be lowered for final adoption, but may not be increased. This proposed tax levy is used by Hennepin County to prepare the Proposed Property Tax notice that is sent to each property owner in mid-November.

For fiscal year 2015, the proposed general fund budget is \$12,866,082, an increase of \$300,490 or 2.39% from the adopted 2014 budget. Much of the change is due to increases in health insurance, computer services, electricity, natural gas, maintenance of buildings & equipment, and liability/property insurance.

Services supported by the budget are as follows:

- Police & fire protection 39.7%
- Street maintenance, park maintenance, building maintenance, & forestry 22.8%
- General administration of the city 15.0%
- Debt service on bonds 5.2%
- Recreation programs 9.6%
- Planning, Code Enforcement, & Inspections 5.2%
- Redevelopment 2.5%

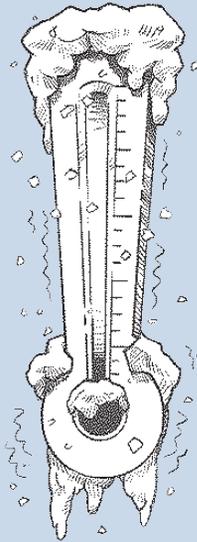
The City Council reviews the demand for and cost of all its services and prioritizes them in the annual budget cycle. It is the City Council's responsibility to balance the many competing interests across the community to provide the mix of services funded through the budget that, in their judgment, is in the long-term interest of the community as a whole.

The City Council's focus for the 2015 budget is on maintaining the current service levels and maintaining existing facilities and equipment. Some parts of the budget may change based on citizen input and final City Council approval at the December meeting.

If you have budget questions, contact the finance director at 763-531-1110 or charles.hansen@crystalmn.gov.

Heating assistance is available – don't be left in the cold!

Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin County's (CAPSH) Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps thousands of families pay energy costs and improve energy efficiency in their homes. A household does not have to be shut off or facing a disconnection to receive help. Both homeowners and renters may apply. Households with a maximum income for a three-month period, as follows, may be eligible for help through EAP:



| MAXIMUM INCOME GUIDELINES FOR EAP 2014-2015 | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Number of persons in household | Maximum 3-month gross income |
| 1 | \$5,838 |
| 2 | \$7,635 |
| 3 | \$9,431 |
| 4 | \$11,228 |
| 5 | \$13,024 |
| 6 | \$14,821 |
| 7 | \$15,157 |
| 8 | \$15,494 |

For household sizes over 8, please call 952-930-3541.

Let's work together to keep our communities warm this season. For more information about energy assistance, an application for assistance, or to make a donation, please call 952-930-3541 or visit www.capsh.org/services/energy-assistance.

Cooking fire safety tips from West Metro Fire-Rescue District



West Metro Fire-Rescue District has seen many fires due to improper cooking methods. Everything has risks. Knowing what those risks are and how to reduce them is the secret to success. Whether you're cooking indoors, grilling outdoors, or barbecuing, there are safety tips to be followed.

Proper placement of a grill, fryer, smoker, camping stove, and/or other cooking appliance is of utmost importance. Every year, hundreds of house, garage, and patio fires could be avoided if the correct cooking location is used. Any cooking appliance manual will state the minimum distances to keep your appliance away from combustibles.

A lot of people use grills, fryers, etc. all year long. Some of those folks wish to stay out of the extreme weather, so they decide to cook inside of their garage. **NEVER COOK IN YOUR GARAGE!** Also, **never leave your food unattended while cooking!** Cooking inside of a garage could cause a fire and/or expose occupants to deadly carbon monoxide. Cooking in a garage is certainly an accident waiting to happen.

When cooking with a grill, camping stove, fryer, etc., place it outside at least 10 feet away from your home or other combustible items. Make sure to also clean your appliances on a regular basis to prevent grease build up. Properly dispose of the ashes, embers, and coals in a metal container – NEVER in a plastic or paper bag as ashes, embers, and coals stay hot up to eight hours or more. If a fire does occur, cover it with a lid or use a fire extinguisher, then turn off the burner. DO NOT pour water on a grease fire.

Outdoor cooking can be an enjoyable event through all of Minnesota's seasons, as long as the above safety measures are followed.

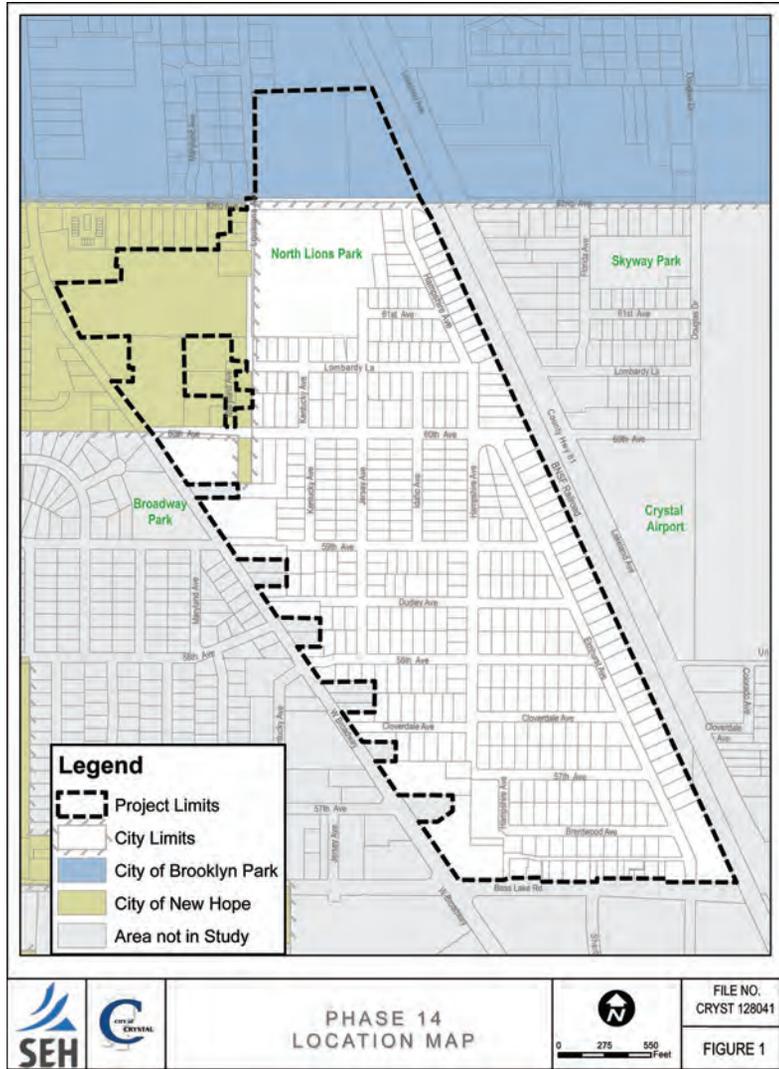
Street reconstruction program resumes in 2015

In June 2014, the City Council ordered the preparation of the feasibility study for Phase 14 North Lions Park Street Reconstruction Project. The project area includes that part of Crystal north of Bass Lake Road, west of County Road 81, east of West Broadway, and north to and including 62nd Avenue (see map). The project neighborhood meeting and public hearing to order the project were held on October 1 and 7, respectively. If approved by the City Council, final design and the public bidding process will be completed by the end of March 2015, with construction set to begin in late April.

The project involves the reconstruction of all 5.1 miles of local streets fronting on 400 land parcels, plus additions and upgrades to the storm sewer system. The project includes proposed sidewalks along Elmhurst and the Hampshire connection north of 60th to 62nd Avenue, and along 58th between Elmhurst and West Broadway. The proposed sidewalk would be on only one yet-to-be-determined side of these streets.

The work is being coordinated with CenterPoint Energy to replace aging gas mains and service lines in the project area in 2015. As part of this work, CenterPoint Energy will set up property owner meetings to televise private sanitary services as part of their safety program. CenterPoint Energy will send notifications to property owners a few weeks in advance of both televising and gas main and service reconstruction activities. The project also includes the installation of a number of rain gardens scattered throughout the neighborhood. Rain gardens located in the public boulevard become a public amenity and treat rainfall runoff before it enters streams and lakes. Property owners will also have options for private sewer service repair and new driveway construction, at an additional cost.

The estimated project cost is \$5,837,538, and will be funded through a combination of special assessments to benefiting property owners, State Aid gas tax dollars, and funds from the Storm Drain Utility and the Street Recon-



struction Fund. The proposed residential property special assessment is \$5,828 per property for the street, plus \$22.38 per front foot for new curb and gutter. Once levied (estimated in late April 2015), any portion of, or the entire assessment, can be paid within 30 days with no interest, and any portion over \$100 through a yet-to-be-determined date in November, with interest to that date. The balance will go onto the parcel property tax statement in 2016, to be paid over a 15-year period at a simple interest rate yet to be determined (5.0% in 2013). As always – children and adults alike – please be safe in construction areas.

If you have any questions regarding this project, contact the engineering project manager at 763-531-1161 or mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov or the city engineer at 763-531-1160 or tom.mathisen@crystalmn.gov.

FOCUS ON ENFORCEMENT

Snow Removal

Please be respectful of neighbors and their property when shoveling, plowing, or blowing snow. Also, it is a violation of City Code to plow, blow, shovel, or push snow from a property onto any street, sidewalk, or other public property. Sidewalks must be cleared of snow as soon as possible and always **within 12 hours** after a snowfall. If packed snow or ice accumulates and cannot be removed with shovels or other tools, then sidewalks should be treated with salt and/or sand to restore a safe walking surface.



Parking on city streets and alleys is prohibited any time after a snowfall of 1½ inches or more until the street has been plowed from curb to curb. Also, please remember that on-street parking is prohibited year-round between 2:00 and 5:00 a.m. Parking violations should be reported to the Police Department by dialing 911. Questions about snow removal on city streets should be directed to Street Maintenance at 763-531-1164.

If you have code enforcement-related questions or complaints, contact the code enforcement specialist at 763-531-1143 or jason.zimmermann@crystalmn.gov.

Disposal of Yard Waste

Branches, wood, leaves, and other yard waste may only be stored in an approved garbage container, garage, or storage building. Most garbage companies do not pick up bundles of brush or bags of leaves with your normal weekly pickup. Contact your garbage hauler to ask about special collection services and fees. If you schedule to have yard waste picked up at the curb, remember that it must be stored in an enclosed area, out of public view, prior to the night before collection.

The Maple Grove Yard Waste Site accepts grass, leaves, small brush, and tree limbs 10 inches or less in diameter. The site is open until November 30. This service is free to Hennepin Recycling Group residents. See page 10 for more information on the yard waste site.

Planning Ahead

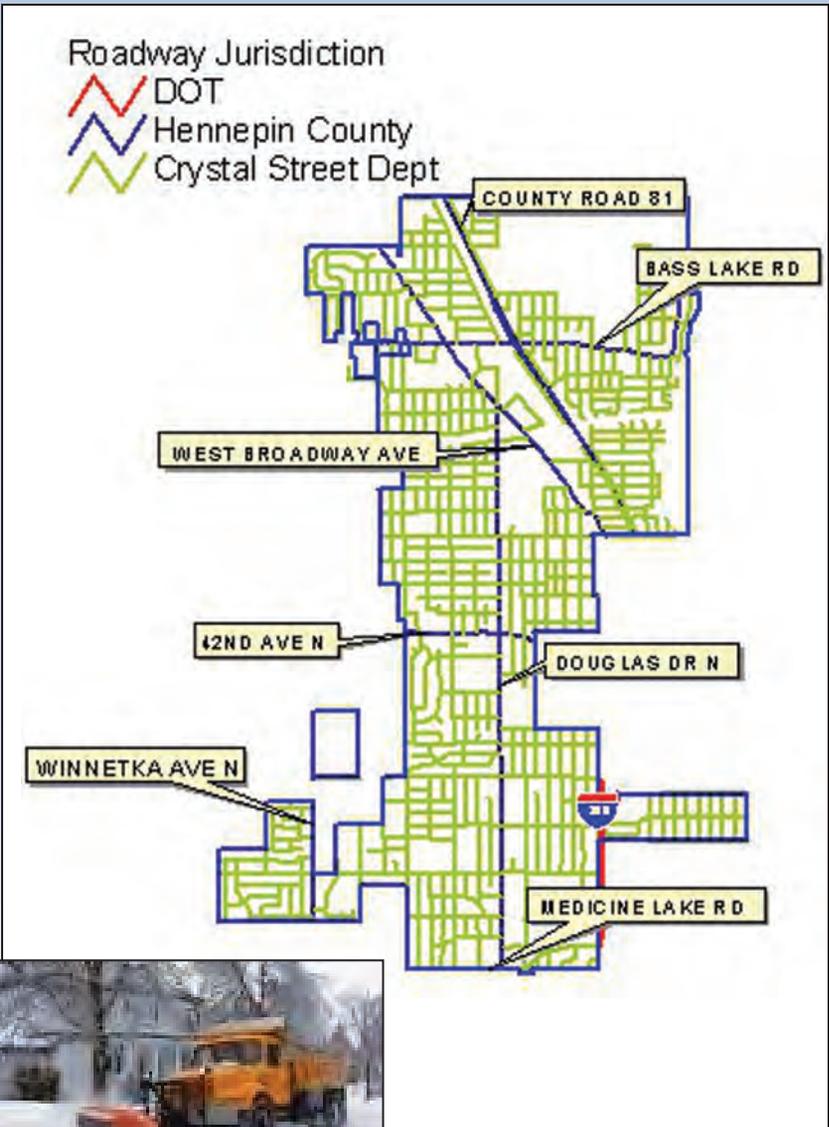
Planning to finish off your basement during the upcoming year? Replace your roof? Build a storage shed? Install a new driveway? If you are planning any of these projects or other improvements to your property, chances are a permit is required. If you have questions about whether your project requires a permit, contact City Hall at 763-531-1000. If a permit is required, it must be issued by the City prior to beginning work. Permit applications and handouts are available at City Hall or on the City's website.

Snow Plowing

The Streets Department plows all city streets during the winter months. Highway 100 is plowed by MnDOT, and Hennepin County plows Bass Lake Road (56th Ave), Douglas Drive, Highway 81 (Bottineau Blvd), Medicine Lake Road (27th Ave), Rockford Road (42nd Ave), West Broadway, and Winnetka Avenue. The local city streets are divided into five plow routes, with each route being further divided into three sections: A, B, and C. It takes roughly eight hours to complete the entire city, based on 2-4" of snowfall. However, if it is snowing all day or for several days, the plows have to make several passes, which means it will take longer to complete the city.

Crystal uses:

- 5 single axle dump trucks
- 1 road grader
- 2 1-ton trucks for alleys and cul-de-sacs
- 2 front end loaders for loading snow for hauling



Please note:

- Snowplow drivers rotate to a different starting area each time they plow in order to ensure that everybody gets **their** streets plowed first sometimes.
- Plow operators will **NOT** lift the plow at the end of a driveway, which will result in a pileup of snow at the end of each driveway.
- The City plows curb to curb until later in the year when curbs are no longer visible, then it's snow bank to snow bank (exception: newly-constructed streets are not plowed curb to curb until a final asphalt layer has been applied; however, operators will plow as close to the curb as possible).

- The City only salts and/or sands the intersections and hills.
- When clearing your driveway, remember that it is illegal to push snow into or across the street.
- Sidewalks: The City only plows county road sidewalks and the completed reconstructed streets where the sidewalk is along the curb (not when there is a boulevard between the sidewalk and curb). Sidewalks are completed **after** all streets are plowed, which could be up to 24 hours after a snowfall.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the snowplow season!

Traffic Unit Community Outreach

As winter settles upon us, the Police Department would like to take a moment to refresh drivers on safe winter driving habits.

First, prior to hitting the road, make sure your windows are clear of snow, ice, and fog. Drivers can be issued citations for violations of this statute. Driving with an unclear view is terribly hazardous and is a safety concern for the driver, and perhaps even more so, the motoring public at large.

Second, when driving in the vicinity of street and high-way plows, make sure to yield to the trucks. It is age old wisdom in Minnesota to not pass a plow, and this is sage advice. Plow trucks often hit obstructions under the snow (ice sheet, pot hole, manhole cover) that can cause the truck to suddenly, and without warning, change direction. Additionally, the “wake” of snow coming off of a plow’s blade is deceptively powerful. This wave of snow can easily cause damage to passing cars.

Unless you drive an equally large truck, the chances of you coming out of an accident with a 15 ton truck without injury and/or major damage to your vehicle is slim. It’s far safer to follow a working plow truck at a safe distance than it is to try and pass it, especially when one considers that the road in front of that plow is not cleared and often not sanded/salted.

Lastly, a quick refresher on the City’s parking rules as they relate to snow emergencies. A snow emergency can be declared when the snowfall exceeds 1½ inches. All roads must be cleared of vehicles until the street is plowed curb-to-curb, so in addition to citations being issued for blocking snow removal, vehicles in the street will be subject to towing and impoundment. Snow emergencies are posted on the City’s website and Facebook page, as well as released to the various local media outlets.



Forestry Notes

Increasing tree diversity

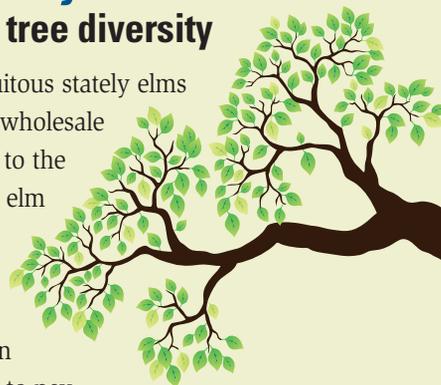
When the ubiquitous stately elms were converted wholesale to firewood due to the spread of Dutch elm disease, it left huge holes in our community forest and in Crystal’s budget to pay for this conversion. For a time, planting and maintaining City-owned trees seemed too uncertain and fiscally reckless, and changes to City Code forbade planting in the boulevards.

Soon we got over the elm losses and picked a replacement tree: the tough – if sometimes ragged – ash. Minnesota native ash trees proved able to withstand Minnesota’s conditions, but not the exotic invasive emerald ash borer (EAB). Though the EAB is not yet a permanent Crystal citizen, we can confidently predict that in the next 20 years, all of our ash trees that have not been chemically treated will be dead and gone. In 2014, the City began treating many valuable public ash as part of a comprehensive EAB plan.

Lessons learned about monocultures raise concerns about the future of our forest. Maple species comprise 25-30% of it, far greater than the 10% maximum most tree experts advise. Couple that fact with the next likely invasive insect pest, the Asian longhorned beetle, whose preferred host trees are maples. Until the maple percentage numbers go down, the City will not be planting new maples.

Crystal is aggressively planting tomorrow’s more diverse and healthier forest. Tree selections include a number of under-used and native trees. Some recent additions include oaks (white, swamp white, bur, and hybrid), hickories (bitternut, shagbark), muscledwood, ironwood, Kentucky coffeetrees (male cultivars), ginkgos (male), hackberries, redbuds (Northern strain) and yellowwoods.

More information on trees is available at www.crystalmn.gov/city_departments/forestry_division.php.



RECYCLING NEWS YOU CAN USE...AND REUSE!

Yard Waste Site Closes November 30

The Maple Grove Yard Waste Site closes on November 30. Don't miss this last chance to get rid of your leaves for the season. The site is located at 14796 101st Avenue North in Maple Grove. Hours are Monday-Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.mgyardwaste.com.



Winter Recycling Reminder

Please do not put your recycling or trash cart in the street for collection. When City trucks are plowing, they may accidentally hit the cart, spilling the material, or they have to slow down to plow around the cart, leaving more snow in the street and increasing how long it takes to finish plowing. The best thing to do is to put your cart in your driveway or to clear a small area alongside your driveway for your cart. Thank you for recycling and for helping the plow drivers!

2015 Recycling Calendar

The 2015 recycling collection calendar will be mailed out to all residents at the end of December. If for some reason you do not receive it, call Hennepin Recycling Group at 763-493-8006, or stop by City Hall to pick one up.

Emergency Well Surcharge

Beginning with utility bills mailed in October 2014, Crystal utility customers will notice a new fee on their utility bills. Due to space limitations on the bill, the charge will be titled "EMERG WELL SURCHARGE." This charge of \$0.21 per 1,000 gallons of water used will go towards paying for Crystal's share of the emergency water supply system.

In January 2014, the cities of Crystal, Golden Valley and New Hope, acting as the Joint Water Commission (JWC) approved construction of a \$4 million emergency water supply system. The project involves drilling three wells

near the JWC's reservoirs and renovating the well near the north water tower in New Hope. Crystal's share of the project is \$1.2 million.

The wells will only be used if there is an interruption in the JWC's normal supply of water from the City of Minneapolis. Possible reasons for an interruption include: contamination of the river, damage to the Minneapolis water plants, or a long drought that reduces the river level to a point where water can't be taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA) UPDATE

Scattered Site Redevelopment – EDA Lots for Sale

For many years, the City’s Economic Development Authority (EDA) has been buying blighted houses from willing sellers, clearing the lots and making them available to builders for construction of new single family homes. The EDA sold 44 lots in 2010-2013, plus seven lots sold or optioned so far in 2014. Most of these new homes are built for specific buyers but some may be available and listed for sale on the MLS by the builder. As of October, the EDA had the following lots available:

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 3533 Lee..... | \$40,000 | 5924 Elmhurst | \$50,000 |
| 4901 Vera Cruz... | 50,000 | 6601 62nd..... | 50,000 |
| 4331 Vera Cruz... | 50,000 | 5626 Vera Cruz | 50,000 |
| 5255 Edgewood.. | 50,000 | 5715 Regent | 50,000 |

For more information about the available lots, visit the City’s website and click on “EDA Lots for Sale” under “What’s Happening”. If you wish to receive the lot list by



Lot for sale at 3533 Lee

mail or email, please leave your name, phone number, postal address, and/or email address with the city planner at (763) 531-1142 or john.sutter@crystalmn.gov.

HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE

HousingResource Center
 2148 44th Ave N, Minneapolis
www.housingresourcecenter.org
 612-588-3033

Do you have technical questions about a potential home repair or remodeling project? Are you looking for financial assistance, incentives, or rebates for home improvements? The HousingResource Center is available to help! Office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month. Services are free of charge to residents of Crystal and some adjacent communities.

Interest Rate Buy-Down for Community Fix-Up Fund Loans

Crystal homeowners may also take advantage of a discounted interest rate for home improvement loans made through the Community Fix-Up Fund administered by the HousingResource Center. Maximum household income is approximately \$66,000. Minimum loan is \$2,000; maximum loan is \$50,000. Maximum loan-to-value ratio is 110% of the after-rehab value. Maximum term is 10 years for loans up to \$10,000 or 20 years for loans over \$10,000. For more information, contact the HousingResource Center.

Home Improvement Incentive Rebates

Most Crystal homeowners are eligible for an EDA-funded rebate for a percentage of home improvement project costs.

- To qualify, the property must be owner occupied and the project must have a total cost of at least \$2,000.
- Rebate percentages are on a sliding scale depending on household income, with a maximum income of approximately \$99,000.
- A property may not receive more than \$10,000 from the program per year.
- **To receive the rebate, you must submit an application and receive approval from the HousingResource Center before you start your project.**
- For more information, contact the HousingResource Center.

Deferred Home Repair Loans

This program is administered by Hennepin County and offers deferred, no-interest home repair loans to homeowners below 50% of metro area median income (approximately \$41,000). These loans are forgiven after 15 years unless the homeowner sells or moves out of the property. Also available are deferred loans with a modest interest charge for homeowners between 50% and 80% of AMI (approximately \$41,000-\$66,000). For more information, contact Jim Graham at 612-348-2235 or James.Graham@hennepin.us.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offering FREE tax preparation

For taxpayers with low to moderate incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Items to bring when you have your taxes done:

1. Last year's tax returns
2. Social Security cards for all taxpayers and dependents
3. Photo ID
4. All income statements
 - a. W2s
 - b. 1099s (Pension and Distributions from IRAs)
 - c. SSA-1099 (Social Security received in 2014)
 - d. 1099-INT (interest received in 2014)
 - e. 1099-DIV (dividends received in 2014)
 - f. Statement of unemployment compensation received
 - g. Any other income information received during 2014.
5. Mortgage interest paid in 2014
6. Real estate taxes paid in 2014 or Hennepin County 2014 Property Tax Statement
7. Certificate of Rent Paid (CRP) in 2014
8. Hennepin County 2015 Property Tax Statement (*not available until March 2015*)
9. Bring a blank check for direct deposit of your refund (*used only to verify routing and account information*)

For questions regarding this service, visit www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide.

Crystal locations/dates/hours
(first come, first served)

Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Dr N
Tuesdays, February 3–April 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Brunswick United Methodist Church, 6122 42nd Ave N
Thursdays, February 5–April 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Crystal Gallery Mall Update

The new building at the southeast corner of West Broadway and Bass Lake Road is nearly complete. Tenants will be Starbuck's, Great Clips, and Noodles & Company. Also, on the second floor at the south end of the mall, Metropolitan Council is setting up its project office for the proposed Blue Line light rail extension. In 2015, the mall's parking lot and landscaping will be revamped to improve circulation and on-site stormwater treatment.

