

THE CRYSTAL CONNECTION

Summer
2015



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CITY CALENDAR

CITIZEN INPUT TIME

Not meeting May-August

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Dates: June 2 and 16, July 14, August 18

UPCOMING COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Dates: August 6, 13, and 20
(There could also be work sessions before and/or after the council meetings listed above.)

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*. Council Work Sessions are also open to the public and are audio recorded. The recordings are available on the City's website under *City Government/City Council/Council Meetings and Work Sessions*.

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.

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2015 CRYSTAL FROLICS, JULY 23-26

A full and updated schedule of events can be found at www.crystalfrolics.org and in the Crystal Frolics tabloid supplement in the July 23 **Sun Post**, along with the first clue for the **Crystal Ball Search**. "Like" the Crystal Frolics on **Facebook** to receive updates. **All activities are at Becker Park unless otherwise noted.** The Crystal Frolics is organized by the Crystal Frolics Committee, which is comprised of members of Crystal civic groups and interested residents.

Thursday, July 23

- 8:00 a.m.....**Search for the Crystal Ball** Begins (Registered button needed - 1st clue in July 23 **Sun Post**)
- 5:00-10:00 p.m.Men's Softball Tournament begins (games will be followed by Men's Home Run Derby)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.**Bill Koncar Polka Band** on stage - **FREE**
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.Carnival - Family Night (**Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian.**) (Entry fee: \$3/person, includes a ticket for a free ride and a security wristband.)
- 6:00-10:00 p.m.Food Booths open

Friday, July 24

- Noon-2:00 p.m.Kids, Cops, and Firefighters Fair at the Crystal Shopping Center
- 3:00-9:30 p.m.Carnival (**Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian after 4:00 p.m.**) After 6:00 p.m. - entry fee: \$3/person, includes a ticket for a free ride and a security wristband.
- 5:00-11:00 p.m.Men's Softball Tournament at area parks (schedules posted at www.crystalfrolics.org)
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.Mayor's Dunk Tank - All proceeds go to NEAR Food Shelf
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.Mehndi Made Memories - Henna Tattoo Art
- 6:00-11:30 p.m.Food Booths open
- 6:00 p.m.-Midnight.....Bingo
- 7:00-11:30 p.m.**Snaggletoof** on stage - **FREE; Karaoke** by the beer tent (Frolics button required to sing)
- 10:00 p.m.**FIREWORKS**

Saturday, July 25

- 7:45 a.m.....½ mile Kids' Fun Run (7:45 a.m.) and **5K Run** (8:00 a.m.) at Bassett Creek Park
- 8:00 a.m.-NoonWaffle Breakfast at West Metro Fire-Rescue Station #1 (all you can eat) Fee: \$7
- 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.Men's & Co-Rec Softball Tournaments
- 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.Skate Park Clinic - **FREE**
- 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.Baggo Tournament (by Becker stage)
- 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.Crystal Cove Aquatic Center - Season Pass Holder Appreciation Hours
- Noon-9:30 p.m.Carnival (**Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian after 4:00 p.m.**) After 6:00 p.m. - entry fee: \$3/person, includes a ticket for a free ride and a security wristband.
- Noon-11:30 p.m.Food Booths open
- 1:00-4:00 p.m.Kids Scavenger Hunt - Free
- 2:00 p.m.-Midnight.....Bingo
- 4:00-9:00 p.m.Mehndi Made Memories - Henna Tattoo Art
- 6:00-9:00 p.m.Mayor's Dunk Tank - All proceeds go to NEAR Food Shelf
- 7:00-11:30 p.m.**Georgia Clay** on stage - **FREE; Karaoke** by the beer tent (Frolics button required to sing)
- 10:00 p.m.**FIREWORKS**

Sunday, July 26

- 7:00 a.m.-NoonPancake Breakfast - Fee: \$8/adult; \$4/kids (10 and under) at Crystal Community Center
- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.Men's & Co-Rec Softball Tournaments conclude
- 10:00 a.m.Disc Golf Tournament - **Bassett Creek Park**
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.Zumba with **MetroBeat** - **Free** at Becker Park Stage (please bring a food item donation for NEAR)
- Noon-4:00 p.m.Mehndi Made Memories - Henna Tattoo Art
- Noon-8:00 p.m.Carnival (**Under 18 years of age must be accompanied by parent or guardian after 4:00 p.m.**) After 6:00 p.m. - entry fee: \$3/person, includes a ticket for a free ride and a security wristband.
- Noon-9:00 p.m.Food Booths open
- 1:00 p.m.Flag Ceremony - VFW Honor Guard - Flagpole located at the Becker Park building
- 1:00-3:30 p.m.**Teddy Bear Band** on stage - **FREE**
- 1:00-4:00 p.m.**Family Festival** - stage area of Becker Park **Walton's Hollow Walk-In Petting Zoo (FREE) & \$5 Pony Rides Kids Scavenger Hunt - FREE**



SENIOR CARD TOURNAMENTS

All card tournaments are limited to 33 tables. **All tournaments begin at 12:30 p.m.** in the Minnesota Room at the Crystal Community Center.

Bridge**Saturday, July 18
Duplicate Bridge***Monday, July 20
BilliardsTuesday, July 21
Cribbage***Tuesday, July 21
Whist***Thursday, July 23
DominoesThursday, July 23
500*Saturday, July 25

Fees per person: *\$1.50; **\$2; ***\$3



CHIEF'S CORNER

By City of Crystal Police Chief Stephanie K. Revering
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Dear Crystal Residents:

Summer is upon us, and I would like to take a few moments of your time to reflect on the Crystal Police

Department and the great partnerships we have in the community. In particular, I will share with you some details from recent events that highlight why I believe the City of Crystal is a great community.

This spring, our city dealt with the tragic death of one of our young residents, 10-year-old Barway Collins. His smile was infectious and friends described him as “kind and helpful.” It is always sad when a young person dies, but it is devastating when those that he trusts caused his death. Barway’s death was devastating to the residents of Crystal.

It is in times of tragedy that good communities gather together with a common goal. Without question, Crystal is a great community. Throughout the search for Barway, we worked together tirelessly to bring Barway home. Phone calls from across the city poured in to the Police Department from residents wanting to help. Hundreds gathered for searches. I want to offer a special “thank you” to the searchers. While they weren’t able to bring Barway home alive, they were able to bring Barway home. As we move

forward, our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with those who loved and cared for Barway.

In May, across the country, National Police Week was celebrated. We were honored to host our Annual Awards Banquet during this time and commend those officers and volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication. In addition, this is a special time of remembrance for those officers throughout the country who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

August will bring another opportunity to partner with the community. MN Night to Unite is on Tuesday, August 4. Police staff will attend many block parties, and the Police Department is hosting an Open House that evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you or your neighbors are interested in hosting a block party, please call 763-531-1014 for additional information.

If you ever have a question or would like additional information about the Police Department, I welcome you to contact me. You can also follow the Police Department on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CrystalMNPOLICE>) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/City-of-Crystal-Police-Department/127118623967226).

Thank you again for making the City of Crystal a great place to work. Have a great summer!



Traffic Unit Community Outreach

The weather’s warming, the snow has melted, and the schools are ready to be out. This is a good time of year to remind ourselves to be aware while we are driving.

You’ve probably seen the “Start Seeing Motorcycles” bumper stickers and billboard campaigns that try to draw awareness towards motorcyclists who share our roads. This can be expanded upon to include “Start Seeing Bicycles” and/or “Start Seeing Pedestrians”.

As we enter the warmer months, drivers need to be cognizant of the increase in pedestrian and cyclist (motor or otherwise) traffic. Accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists spike in the summer. Since an automobile outweighs a person by several orders of magnitude, the likelihood of injury in an accident with an individual is drastically higher than with another car.

The Police Department will continue their education and enforcement efforts in an attempt to prevent these accidents.



Night to Unite



It's that time of year to start gearing up for the annual Night to Unite!

Join your neighbors across Crystal on

Tuesday, August 4, to celebrate and strengthen neighborhood and community partnerships. Night to Unite is designed to:

- Help neighbors get to know one another
- Build neighborhood involvement by bringing police and communities together
- Bring awareness to crime prevention and local law enforcement efforts

August 4 will be the perfect opportunity for neighborhoods to gather together and enjoy a summer evening and get to know who belongs in their neighborhoods. Crystal hosted over 70 block parties during 2014's Night to Unite. Let's see how many we can host for this year's celebration!

Registering your Night to Unite block party is free and takes just minutes. As always, you can request a visit from a police officer, firefighter, or City councilmember. You can download the registration form online at

www.crystalmn.gov, or you can stop by City Hall at 4141 Douglas Dr N to complete your registration form. **Please note that registration closes on July 24.**

Open House

Also on August 4, Crystal Police are hosting their annual Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., where visitors will be taken on a guided tour through the Police Department.

Food and school supply drive

Again this year, the Police Department is hosting a food and school supply drive. All donated items will be delivered to the NEAR food shelf to help local families in need. You can participate by dropping off donated items at the Crystal Police Department lobby between July 1 and August 4. You can also request a donation pickup to your block party when you register for Night to Unite.

If you have any questions regarding Night to Unite, the Police Department Open House, or the food and school supply drive, contact Officer Sean Kwiatkowski at 763-531-1094 or sean.kwiatkowski@crystalmn.gov.

Let's make this a great Night to Unite!



JWC to replace main water pipe

Pipe delivers water to Crystal, Golden Valley, and New Hope

Twice in the last two years, the large pipe that delivers water from Minneapolis to Crystal, Golden Valley, and New Hope burst open under the streets of Robbinsdale, flooding streets, homes, and businesses and jeopardizing the water supply for homes and businesses in the three communities.

This summer, the Joint Water Commission (JWC) plans to replace that 50+ -year-old concrete water main before more breaks can occur at ever-increasing costs. The project will cause some traffic delays for motorists in Crystal and Robbinsdale. The JWC does not anticipate significant disruptions to water service. Work began this spring and will continue into August.

The total cost of the major water main breaks in June 2013 and September 2014 was approximately \$1 million. The estimated cost for the water main replacement project is about \$5.6 million.

A little history

The cities of Crystal, Golden Valley, and New Hope have been buying treated Mississippi River water from the City of Minneapolis as the JWC since the 1960s. The water is distributed to JWC reservoirs in Crystal and Golden Valley through two different pipes, including the 36-inch concrete water main beneath County Rd 9 in Robbinsdale.

In fall 2014, the JWC analyzed the structural integrity of the water main. The consultant's report indicated significant structural defects and potential risk for additional failures. The JWC tri-city councils are reviewing project costs and drafting a resolution supporting the proposed improvements to the JWC system.

Project overview

The project involves replacing the deteriorated 36-inch concrete pipe primarily with 24-inch ductile iron pipe, which is far more resistant to breakage. A variety of installation methods will be used to reduce costs and limit disruptions to motorists, area businesses, and residents.

On most of the project, crews will use the loose-fit slip lining technique, which requires limited excavation.

Portions of the water main will be replaced through open trenches while the street is dug up as part of Hennepin County's reconstruction of County Rd 9. This part of the project, mostly east of County Rd 81, will result in road closures and significant traffic delays and inconvenience for motorists, local businesses, and residents. Spot road closures will also likely occur in other portions of the project area. For more information, go to www.hennepin.us/residents/transportation/county-road-9-construction-robbinsdale.

During the project, JWC water customers may experience periods of decreased water pressure and possible implementation of a midday or perhaps full sprinkling ban (depending on the weather). The JWC expects to have its emergency water supply well system available to bring online sometime this summer. If the JWC needs to activate that system, the water will be treated but not softened.

Watch for project updates on the City's website and Facebook page, as well as on the JWC's website at www.jwcontap.org. Questions? Contact the utilities superintendent at 763-531-1166 or randy.kloepper@crystalmn.gov.

Introducing City Engineer/Public Works Director Mark Ray



Mark Ray began employment as Crystal's new city engineer/public works director on March 25. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Hamline University. From the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mark earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Certificate in Construction Engineering and Management.

Mark previously worked for the City of Golden Valley as the street maintenance division supervisor. He also worked as an engineer for the City of Golden Valley and with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. Mark belongs to several professional organizations.

In his spare time, Mark enjoys travel, card tricks, puns, and reading/watching documentaries.

Welcome to the City, Mark!

Summer construction update from Public Works

This summer, the Public Works Department has a wide range of public improvement projects planned for all types of city infrastructure, including streets, water main, storm water, sanitary sewer, municipal pool, and parks.

The 2015 local street reconstruction project area is the North Lions Park neighborhood, located north of Bass Lake Road between West Broadway and Bottineau Boulevard (Co. Rd. 81). Currently, the City is in Phase 14 of 16 phases of the local street reconstruction projects. Phases 15 and 16 (Skyway and Twin Oaks neighborhoods) are currently proposed for the following two summers.

Crystal, Golden Valley, and New Hope make up the Joint Water Commission (JWC), which provides water service to properties in these communities. The JWC water main is undergoing extensive rehabilitation work on the shared main water supply line that carries water from Minneapolis to the Crystal reservoir. This summer, County Road 9 (42nd Avenue) will have two projects occurring simultaneously: the JWC water main rehabilitation project and Hennepin County's street reconstruction project.

The sanitary sewer pipes that carry used water ("brown water") out of properties are generally gravity flow pipes. This means that the pipes were originally placed to slope gently to a few common locations in the city, with gravity providing energy to allow the brown water to flow away. Eventually, all the brown water in the city is collected into the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services' (MCES) very large sewer pipe system, where it is carried to a wastewater treatment plant. To help the city's brown water reach the MCES pipes, some of the city's sewer pipes are specially designed with pumps to transport the brown water through pipes over long distances and over

hills; these pipes are known as sanitary sewer force mains. As part of sewer system maintenance, the sanitary sewer force main pipe that runs under Zane Avenue from 32nd Avenue to 36th Avenue will be lined this summer. This project involves placing temporary pipes along Zane Avenue to allow the brown water to be pumped through a separate pipe while the main pipe is being rehabilitated. This process, known as cured in place lining, allows the pipe to be rehabilitated in place without the need to dig up the entire street in order to replace the pipe. Crystal has used this method of construction successfully for a number of years.

The City is also continuing the alley reconstruction program this summer. The existing asphalt in three alleys north of Welcome Park will be replaced with concrete as part of the overall program. By the end of the alley reconstruction program, currently scheduled to be in 2017, all alleys in the city will be concrete.

A number of City parks, the Community Center, and Crystal Cove Aquatic Center are scheduled for additional maintenance work this summer. The waterslide at the aquatic center will be resurfaced. The Community Center will have major landscaping done around the building as well as some additional work inside. At Becker Park, the tennis court fences have been replaced, tennis court resurfaced, and the exterior of the building cleaned and painted. The playground at Bassett Creek Park is also being replaced.

The City also continues to work with the Metropolitan Council on the proposed METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail from Minneapolis to US 169/Highway 610 interchange in Brooklyn Park. In Crystal, the light rail is currently proposed to run along the west side of Bottineau Boulevard.



Parking restrictions

All residents are reminded that parking in the city is not allowed on any streets or alleys between 2:00 – 5:00 a.m. year round. However, parking permits may be issued from April 1 through November 30 by applying with the Police Department. For more information, call 763-531-1014.



Summer has arrived! Here are some tips for a healthy yard the lower-impact way

We all want to have a nice-looking yard, and healthy green grass is usually a large part of that. There are ways to have a good-looking yard with less effort and fewer negative impacts on our air and water.

Fertilize

Fertilize at the right time of year and don't use too much. It's better to fertilize lightly 3-4 times per year. If you use fertilizer with crabgrass control, apply it early in the spring since it is ineffective once the crabgrass starts growing. (Crystal does not permit the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus. Most soils already have plenty of phosphorus.) Read the application rates and don't over-apply fertilizer. Sweep up excess fertilizer that gets onto pavement or the street to prevent it from ending up in the lake, where it promotes algae growth. Watch the weather forecast and don't fertilize if rain is in the forecast.

Mow

Rather than bag clippings, mulch them. Besides saving time, mulching provides phosphorus and helps keep moisture in the soil. Also, don't cut your grass too short – 2½" is typically recommended. However, do not allow your grass to grow over 8" or you will be in violation of City Code.

Hydrate

Watering the grass in the middle of a hot, dry, windy day is a waste of water as very little of it will reach the grass roots. It's best to water early in the morning, late in the evening, or even overnight. Less-frequent soakings of an inch or two of water are better than frequent short-term sprinkles. Any water running down the gutter is not helping your lawn, but it is still running through your water meter. If you have sandy soils, you will need to water more often. The soil north of 42nd Avenue tends to be sandier than the areas



south. A well-established lawn can tolerate a good deal of drought stress. If you had new sod laid during a street project, it must be watered heavily and frequently to survive those first couple of years until it is established. New sod will die without plenty of water and it will not come back.

Aerate

If you are really motivated, rent an aerator or hire someone to aerate your lawn every couple of years. Aerators punch holes in the turf to allow water, air, and fertilizer to get down deeper into the soil.

Eliminate

There is a growing trend to reduce the amount of grass to maintain. A few alternatives are wildflower gardens, rain gardens, patios, and tall native grasses. Many alternatives will require less work and be more visually interesting than wall-to-wall turfgrass. If you have an area that is difficult to mow, or you just can't get grass to grow well, consider something else. Some newer grasses on the market require less water, little fertilizer, and little mowing.

FOCUS ON ENFORCEMENT

Lawn maintenance

Cutting your grass on a regular basis helps keep Crystal neighborhoods looking good.

Lawns in Crystal cannot exceed 8 inches in height. If a lawn violation is reported, the City will inspect the property to see if it is indeed in violation. If so, the City will send written notice with a 7-day compliance period to the property owner. If the lawn remains in violation, the City will have its contractor cut the lawn and bill the property owner. Unpaid bills will be assessed against the property.

Please keep in mind that it is unlawful to throw, spill, or leave dirt, garbage, sweepings, compost, grass clippings, leaves, or brush in any street, alley, sidewalk, park, or other public place in the city. Also, when these items end up in the street or alley, they ultimately get washed into our streams, wetlands, and lakes, thus degrading water quality.

In addition to keeping your grass at an acceptable height, your lot area remaining after providing for driveways, buildings, and other structures must be maintained in grass, sodding, shrubs, or other acceptable landscaping material. It is a violation of City Code to allow your lawn to be worn down to dirt or mud. This often occurs when vehicles are parked on or

driven over lawns. Motor vehicles may not be parked on the grass or other landscape material. If you notice your lawn wearing down, please take the necessary steps to restore it.

Outdoor storage

City Code prohibits the outdoor storage of litter and refuse, including garbage; household appliances and furniture; wood, branches, leaves, and grass clippings; deteriorated or wrecked property in unusable condition or left unprotected from the elements; and inoperable, unlicensed, partially dismantled, or abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and machinery.

Materials and equipment that are accessory to a single-family residence may be stored outdoors if placed within a fully screened area so as not to be visible from adjoining properties. Landscaping and construction materials currently being used on the property may also be stored outdoors. When the project has been completed, the materials must be moved inside or removed from the property.

As always, if you have any code enforcement-related questions or would like to report a possible violation, contact the code enforcement specialist at 763-531-1143 or jason.zimmermann@crystalmn.gov.



Recreational fires guidelines

It's that time of year when many families are outdoors enjoying recreational fires. West Metro Fire-Rescue District (WMFRD) would like to remind everyone of the rules below that apply whenever you have a recreational fire. When hosting recreational fires, please use common courtesy towards your neighbors.



1. Recreational fires shall not be used for the disposal of yard-waste, construction materials, or common household trash. Fuel for recreational fires shall only be that of aged, dry firewood.
2. All recreational fires must be in an approved outdoor fire-place or pit, which is at grade or below and no more than 3 feet in diameter. The outside edge shall be ringed with brick, rock, or other non-combustible material to prevent fire spread. Commercially manufactured steel outdoor fire pits and structures may be used provided they are not more than 3 feet in diameter.
3. All recreational fires shall be kept a minimum of 15 feet away from structures or combustible materials.
4. Recreational fires shall not be allowed if winds exceed 7 miles per hour.
5. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended to by the property owner or a designated adult until the fire is completely extinguished. A garden hose or other adequate means of extinguishment must be available within 15 feet of the fire for emergency purposes.
6. When prohibited by action of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, recreational fires shall not be permitted. The key word is **recreational** fires.
7. All recreational fires shall be extinguished no later than 11:00 p.m.
8. You are liable for any or all damages that may result from having a recreational fire.
9. At the discretion of the fire official, any recreational fire not adhering to the above regulations or that poses a dangerous condition shall be considered a public nuisance and must be immediately extinguished. Anyone who fails to comply with these conditions is in violation of City ordinances and may be issued a citation.

If the above rules are followed, negative reactions to your fire can be prevented. For instance, do not burn green wood that will most likely smoke up the neighborhood, upsetting your neighbors. Likewise, never burn leaves or yard waste; rather, these items are accepted for free

at the Maple Grove Yardwaste Site (www.mgyardwaste.com). WMFRD encourages neighbors to work together cooperatively to solve conflicts that can arise. If this is not successful, dial 911 so the responder can witness the problem.

WMFRD appreciates everyone's cooperation, whether you are hosting a recreational fire or a

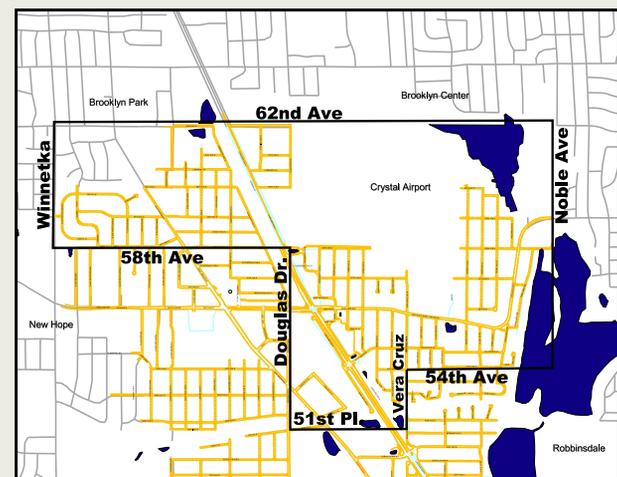
neighbor of someone who is. Questions? Call WMFRD at 763-230-7000.

Assessors to review homes

Each year, the Hennepin County Assessor's Office reviews one-fifth of the homes in Crystal. For the summer of 2015, the inspection includes all properties north of 58th Avenue, as well as all properties east of Douglas Drive and north of 54th Avenue North (see map). The appraisers go door-to-door, starting with exterior inspections and continuing with interior inspections as necessary. If an interior inspection is necessary, a door tag will be left and/or a letter will be sent, requesting the homeowner to call the Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment.

All appraisers carry Hennepin County photo identification. Do not let anyone into your home without this identification.

If you have any questions regarding the inspection or the assessment of real estate for property tax purposes, call a Hennepin County appraiser at 763-531-1117.



Curfew applies to anyone under 18 years of age

As the weather warms and the temptation to stay out late increases, young people should be aware of the curfew laws. If you are under 18 years of age and in a public place, you must have a responsible adult with you from evening hours until 5:00 a.m. Police enforce the curfew laws in order to keep young people out of danger and out of trouble. Under the Hennepin County Curfew Ordinance, the times are as follows:

HENNEPIN COUNTY CURFEW TIMES

*(Minnesota Juvenile Code 260B.007, 16a)
(Hennepin County Ordinance No. 16,
Subd. 3 A, B, or C)*

Under 12

Sunday-Thursday – Home by 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday – Home by 10:00 p.m.

Age 12-14

Sunday-Thursday – Home by 10:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday – Home by 11:00 p.m.

Age 15-17

Sunday-Thursday – Home by 11:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday – Home by midnight

If you are in a public place or business after the above hours without a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult, the police may give you a ticket. A public place includes schools, streets, parks, movie theaters, restaurants, bowling alleys, a car that is in a public place, etc.

If you get a ticket from the police because you are out past curfew, you may have to pay a fine of \$50 or do

one day of “Sentence to Serve,” which is community service work scheduled by the Juvenile Court.

Parents must insist that you are home by curfew time because it is against the law for them to allow you to be out past curfew. If they knowingly allow you stay out past curfew, a complaint may be issued against them. The complaint is a misdemeanor (minor crime) that is punishable by up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine.

Business employees will ask you to leave at curfew time because it is a misdemeanor for a business establishment to allow kids to remain in their buildings during curfew hours.

Parents have the right to set an earlier time than the legal curfew time for a child to be home. The child is obligated to abide by parental wishes. A child who leaves home without permission from a parent or who fails to come home at the time set by parents is in violation of the runaway laws.

For further information about the curfew or runaway laws, contact the juvenile specialist at 763-531-1023 or susan.carstens@crystalmn.gov.



Street Reconstruction Program

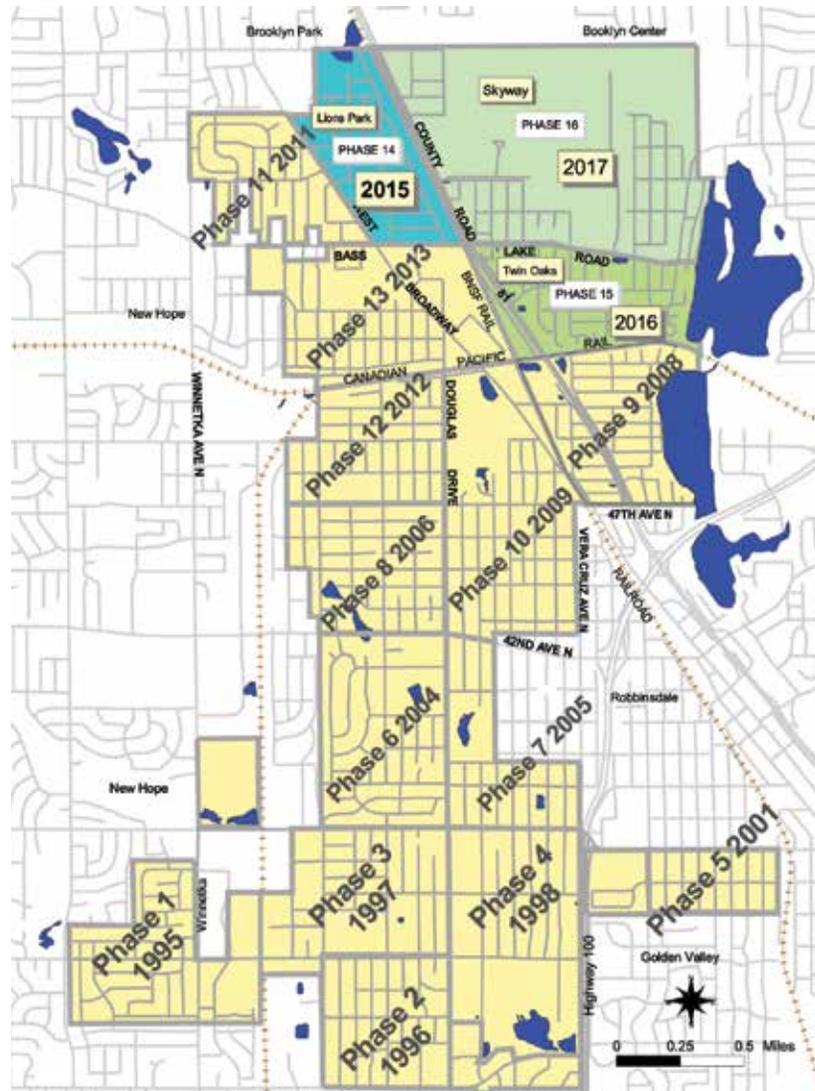
In 1995, the City began a neighborhood-wide street reconstruction program. Most of the city's residential streets were constructed along with the original homes that were built in the mid-1950s and early 1960s. Some of the streets, especially those in southern Crystal, were deteriorating due to normal wear and tear.

Phase 1 of the citywide street reconstruction program began with work in the Winnetka Hills Neighborhood. This summer, 20 years after the street reconstruction program first started, the City is in the Phase 14 neighborhood street reconstruction area. With the completion of the current North Lions Park project area, Crystal will have rebuilt 85% of its local roads. The remaining 15% of city streets will be reconstructed as part of the Phase 15 (Twin Oaks neighborhood) and Phase 16 (Skyway Neighborhood) projects that are planned to occur over the next two years (see map for these project areas).

Residents and property owners who live in the Twin Oaks Neighborhood will receive invitations to preliminary planning meetings and open houses this coming fall and winter. At these meetings, residents will receive information about the entire project process, how property assessments work, and, most importantly, provide information to City staff on concerns they are aware of with the existing streets. The information received from residents during these early meetings will help project engineers and staff to design the project in such a way that it addresses as many of the concerns as feasible.

Public Works is committed to building and maintaining quality city infrastructure. The street reconstruction program is a key component of these efforts. The City appreciates residents' understanding and patience during the construction process, which we recognize is disruptive to normal activities.

For questions regarding the City's street reconstruction program, contact the project manager at mick.cyert@crystalmn.gov or 763-531-1161.



THE CRYSTAL CONNECTION



Metro Transit is proposing to extend the Blue Line Light Rail Transit from Minneapolis to Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and Brooklyn Park. The line would provide direct service from Crystal to downtown Minneapolis, MSP

International Airport, and the Mall of America. It would also provide service via the Green Line LRT to the University of Minnesota and St. Paul. The anticipated opening date is 2021. To learn more, please visit

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/Transportation/Projects/Current-Projects/METRO-Blue-Line-Extension.aspx>.

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 50 lots in 2010-2014, and 3 have been sold so far in 2015. Many of the new homes are built for specific buyers but some may be available and listed for sale on the MLS by the builder. As of May, the EDA has 9 lots available, including new lots at 3556 Major, 4724 Lakeland, and 3122 Douglas Drive.

For more information about the available lots, visit the City's website and click on "EDA Lots for Sale" under "What's Happening". To receive the lot list by mail or email, leave your name, phone number, postal address and/or email address with the community development director at 763-531-1130 or john.sutter@crystalmn.gov.



New house under construction at 5700 Regent.

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.

Home Improvement Incentive Rebates

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

- 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 \$103,920.
- 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.

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 \$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.

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 (up to \$43,300). These loans are forgiven after 15 years unless the homeowner sells or moves out of the property. Also available for homeowners are deferred loans with a modest interest charge between 50% and 80% of AMI (up to \$65,800). For more information, contact Jim Graham at 612-348-2235 or James.Graham@hennepin.us.

Summer Special Events



Visit the Crystal Recreation Department at www.crystalmn.gov/recreation.



MUSIC IN THE PARK 2015 CONCERTS - FREE

Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy entertainment under the summer sky!

Band	Genre	Date/Time	Location
Joey Jay Band	Polka	Mon, June 22 6:30 p.m.	Becker Park
DJ Neill Turner	DJ - Family Party Music	Mon, July 13 6:30 p.m.	Becker Park
Splatter Sisters	Family Rock	Wed, July 22 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Park
Skitzo Funik	Top 40 Cover Band	Mon, August 17 6:30 p.m.	Becker Park

WET & WILD WATER FUN DAY

The cities of Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale, along with West Metro Fire-Rescue District, have joined together to offer this splash-splashing event. This wet & wild event will include 3 giant water slides and sprinkler fun provided by West Metro Fire's aerial truck. A wristband is required to participate; wristbands will only be available for purchase at the event. **Note: this program will be canceled if raining and will not be rescheduled.**



Day	Date/Time	Fee
Friday	August 7 12:30-3:00 p.m.	\$4/person 2 and under FREE
Location	Lions Valley Park, Crystal	

ANTIQUÉ CAR RUN

The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run is a 120-mile tour of the Minnesota countryside. It is modeled after the Commemorative Run which goes between London and Brighton, England. The New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run starts in New London and winds its way to suburban New Brighton. The "NLNB" makes a stop at the Crystal Community Center around 2:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy being entertained by the antique cars as they take a break in the south parking lot.



Day	Date/Time	Fee
Saturday	August 8, 2:00 p.m.	Free
Location	Crystal Community Center	



JUNE 6 - AUGUST 23
INFORMATION LINE - 763-531-1170

POOL ADMISSION	Fee
Daily Admission (anyone entering the pool)	\$8
Senior Admission (55 years +)	\$6
Twilight Admission (after 5 p.m.)	\$6
<i>Children under 2 years old, born after 1/1/13</i>	Free
Coupon Book (10 daily admissions) Coupons are good for 2015 only. Purchase at the Pool or Recreation Office. Good at either Crystal or New Hope.	\$60

POOL HOURS	Times
Monday-Friday	1:15-8:30 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday	1:00-7:00 p.m.
Special hours	
Saturday, July 4	1:00-6:00 p.m.
Fridays, June 12* and August 7*	1:15-7:15 p.m.
Sunday, August 23	1:00-6:00 p.m.
* Evening Special Events	

POOL EVENTS

Teen Moonlight Swim (ages 12-16)
Fridays, June 12 & August 7
8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
\$3

Little Splashers (ages 7 & under with adult)
Saturdays, June 13 & 27, July 11 & 18
August 1, 8, 15 & 22
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
\$3/child, adults free

Log Rolling (ages 8 & older)
Saturday, June 20
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
\$25 residents, \$32 non-residents

Season Pass Appreciation
Saturday, July 25
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
free for season pass holders only

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Crystal Airport Open House & Fly-in



**Pre-Airport Open House
"Kick-off Party"**
June 20 - 5:00-11:00 pm
Hanger 60
\$15.00 at the door



5:00-7:00 pm - Spaghetti Dinner

7:00-11:00 pm - Live Music Featuring Del Counts



Father's Day Fly-in
June 21 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Crystal Airport

8:00 am-Noon - Pancake Breakfast

11:00 am - Memorial Ceremony & "Missing Man" Formation Fly-over

Noon-3:00 pm - Afternoon Concessions

Other Activities Include:
Airplane & Helicopter Rides

Static displays of aircrafts featuring
a vintage T-6. Vehicles from North Memorial EMS,
West Metro Fire, Crystal PD, MAC,
Hennepin Co. Sheriff Dept. & Three Rivers

Vendor Fair by MediaPro Expos



Support our local food shelf
by bringing a non perishable
food item

For more information: julie.deshler@crystalmn.gov or 612-306-5808