

# NEWSLETTER

## CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

*Water spilling over the catwalk and through one of the gates at the Crystal Falls dam - a sure sign that summer is on it's way. Yay!*



## SPRING CLEAN-UP SET

Again this year the City will offer its residents an opportunity to clean up the "stuff" they have accumulated.

Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th (from 8 am to 3 pm each day) have been desig-

nated as the dates that the City will accept articles at the Bristol Mine site.

Items that can be discarded during this "Clean-up" include: carpeting, rugs, clothing, appliances, furniture, pots & pans, old toys, and even old batteries. We will also allow yard

waste and pieces of trees to be dropped off.

Items not accepted include: Paint, tires, hazardous chemicals, household garbage, treated wood, or building materials.

For ease in dropping these

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## DIGITAL TV AND THE CITY'S CABLE SYSTEM

Confused by the DTV issue?

***IF YOU ARE ON A CABLE SYSTEM, SUCH AS THAT OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOWS.***

At midnight on February 17, 2009, all full-power TV stations in the U.S. will

stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. Digital broadcasting promises to provide a clearer picture and more programming options and will free up airwaves for use by emergency responders.

SO -If you are using an external antenna or rabbit ears (like that old set you have at camp or in your deer blind), and your TV is not a digital TV, you will

need to purchase a converter box. These boxes sell for \$50-\$70 each and are available locally at Pamida, Walmart, and Radio Shack. Coupons worth \$40 toward the purchase of these boxes are available by calling:

1-888-388-2009, or online at:

[www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov).

Each household is eligible for up to two (2) coupons.

## 2008 CRYSTAL VIEW GOLF COURSE RATES



Memberships:

Husband & Wife	\$500
Single	\$325

\*water surcharge added to above for each person \$ 50

College Student (18-23 yr old)	\$140
High School Student	\$ 95
Student, 8th Grade & under	\$ 70

\*water surcharge added to above \$ 10

Green Fees:

9 Holes	\$ 15
18 Holes or All Day	\$ 20
10 Play Card	\$150

Golf Cart Storage:

Electric Cart	\$180
Gas Cart	\$150
Annual Trail Fee	\$ 60
Daily Trail Fee	\$ 10

Golf Cart Rental Fees:

9 Holes	\$ 15
18 Holes	\$ 20

\*Water surcharge will be assessed for 5 years (2006-2010) at the rate of \$50/year for adult members and \$10/year for college, high school, and grade school members. The water surcharge is a fee assessed to help offset the cost of the installation of irrigation for the golf course.

## Runkle Lake Park Rates Remain the Same as Last Year!



At the April City Council meeting a discussion ensued regarding the operation of Runkle Lake Park. City Manager Chuck Nordeman advised the Council that he had yet to receive any applications for the lifeguard position at the park. If the City does not hire a lifeguard then the raft will not be put in the water and people will be advised they are to "swim at their own risk". Nordeman suggested raising the camping rates by at least the cost of living to \$20 and \$25 night, however, the Council did not agree and a motion was made to keep the rates the same as the 2007 camping season.

**Those rates are:**

**\$17/day for sites #18—#57 (include electric & water)**

**\$22/day for sites #1—#17 (include electric, water, and sewer)**

**A monthly rate of \$300 is available for campers who camp 30 consecutive days.**

Mayor Hendrickson led further discussion regarding the possibility of re-instating a seasonal sticker for park users sighting the fact that the camping fees collected at the park do not generate enough money to support the park operations.

Manager Nordeman noted that the best way to collect a seasonal pass is to have an attendant at the park entrance, however, the thru street to the residents on the North side of the lake makes this difficult. Mayor Hendrickson asked all the Councilors to prepare for further discussion on this matter at a future meeting.

The last time a seasonal sticker fee was collected was in 2000.

**HELP WANTED:** The City is accepting applications for a Campground Host for Runkle Lake Park. Apply with City Manager Charles Nordeman—906-875-6647 ext 101

## CITY WATER CUSTOMER'S USAGE NOW ON UTILITY BILLS

Beginning in April the City began reading and posting the metered usage of waters on the utility billings. The first time these readings show on your utility bill will be all inclusive from the date of the meter installation, subsequent

readings will reflect your monthly usage.

It has been noted that some homes are using an excessive amount of water each month.

Remember, the minimum monthly rate of \$36 includes your first 4,500 gallons. Usage

over 4,500 gallons will be billed at the rate of \$8.00 per 1000 gallons.

***So watch your utility bill and if your home is using an excessive amount of water fix those dripping faucets, leaks, and running toilets before the City***

***begins using the meters to calculate your water bill in July or August.***



**DRIPPING FAUCETS ARE LIKE POURING MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN!**

## WATER METER INSTALLATION UPDATE

The City of Crystal Falls is nearing the end of the water meter installation program. City Ordinance No. 2.23 mandates that all customers of the water system have a meter installed. Over 600 of the nearly 900 meters in the City have now been installed. However, some customers have avoided attempts to contact them regarding the installation of a meter into their home. The City

is asking that anyone who has not had a meter installed and has not yet scheduled to have a meter installed, call Wendy Thrasher at 875-3648 prior to May 15, 2008. Failure to do this may result in your water service being shut off as provided in Ordinance No. 2.23. Also, **if the meter is not installed as a part of this water meter project then it will be the responsibility**

**of the home owner to have the meter installed at their own expense, which could be upwards of \$600.** Installation as part of the water meter project is free to the property owner at this time. The water meter installation project is expected to be completed by June 30, 2008. Water meter readings will be used for billing purposes by July 2008.

### RECYCLE NEWS!


It seems the City's recycling has become so popular that the bins are getting filled so fast that people are being turned away because SPACE IS LIMITED. We are requesting that all cardboard boxes be cut at the corners and flattened down. Also, flatten any plastic milk bottles or similar containers to reduce the amount of space they take up in the recycle bins. This service is available only to City residents. The City spends nearly \$250/month to provide this service.

### CALENDAR

May 6: School/County Election Day

May 12: City Council meets at 5:00 p.m.

May 19–23: Curbside pick up of yard debris

May 26: Memorial Day 

May 27: Recycle Day

June 2-6: Hydrant  Flushing

June 6 & 7: Spring Clean up—(See page 1)

June 9: City Council meets at 5:00 p.m.

June 17: Planning Comm. meets at 5:00 p.m.

June 24: Recycle Day

### CRYSTAL MANOR RE-DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Crystal Falls City Council held a Special Meeting on April 23rd to meet with Tim Hunnicutt of Hovey Companies regarding the redevelopment of the Crystal Manor building.

The City is in the process of securing property to the West of the building to be used as a parking lot for the public and the prospective tenants. Also discussed were funds the

City has already spent toward the redevelopment of the property, and the expectations of the developer regarding future City contributions. If all goes well, a June or July closing date is expected and the City will turn over the keys to Hovey Companies who will then begin construction on the project.

### SPRING CLEAN UP (CONTINUED)

items at the site please keep the metal, trees, and other materials separated as they will be put in different piles.

**To utilize this Spring Clean Up you must be a resident of the City of Crystal Falls.**

*Crystal Falls Township will be conducting their own Spring Clean-up on May 10th and May 17th from 8 -12 at the Crystal Falls Township Hall.*

As always, the City will pick up yard rakings at the curbs, branches must be no longer than 4 feet. To take advantage of the curbside pickup your rakings must be ready for pickup by Monday May 19th. To allow City equipment access to your yard rakings do not park a vehicle anywhere near the piles.



The City's Spring Clean-Up site is located at the Bristol Mine. Turn right onto Krempasky Road (along the West side of the new clinic) and follow the road North to the drop off site.

# CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

## BOAT LAUNCH SITE DEDICATED AS "CLARK'S LANDING"

### CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Crystal Falls is desirous of honoring Special Warfare Operator 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer Joseph "Clark" Schwedler, a community hero who's young life was cut short on one fateful day in April 2007 when he was killed in action in Al Anbar province, Iraq, and

WHEREAS, the City of Crystal Falls maintains a public access area on the beautiful Paint River that flows through the heart of Clark's hometown, much the same as Clark's memory flows through the hearts of all who knew and were touched by him, and

WHEREAS, the Council for the City of Crystal Falls believes that dedicating this public access area honoring the memory of Clark, a Navy Seal, will further serve to help this community to heal from this tragic loss, NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the City of Crystal Falls hereby designates the Paint River access site at the Crystal Falls power plant as "Clark's Landing" and urges all who visit the site take a moment to reflect on the life of this courageous young man, and further, to live by his example.

### CRYSTAL FALLS CITY COUNCIL

The plaque shown below is located at the boat launch on the Paint River by the power plant.

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### CRYSTAL FALLS CITY OFFICIALS

Janet Hendrickson, Mayor	875-3291
Edna Heikkinen, Councilor	875-6590
Michael Smokevitch, Councilor	875-6350
Mark Valesano, Councilor	875-6043
Jack Bicigo, Councilor	875-6588
Charles Nordeman, Manager	875-6647
Dorothea Olson, Clerk/Treas.	875-3212
Robert Sherwin, Police Chief	875-3012
John Ahola, Fire Chief	875-6614

City Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
[WWW.CRYSTALFALLS.ORG](http://WWW.CRYSTALFALLS.ORG)

## INCUMBENTS NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION

Councilors Mark Valesano and Edna Heikkinen have both indicated that they will not seek re-election to the seats they currently hold on the Crystal Falls City Council.

Mark Valesano is relinquishing his seat as he is running for the office of Iron County Sheriff.

Edna Heikkinen said she would really love to continue on the City Council, however, health issues

are her reason for not seeking re-election.

At the time of this writing, no one has turned in a petition to be placed on the ballot for these two City Council seats. Candidates have until Tuesday, July 29, 2008 to turn in a petition to be included on the November 11, 2008 General Election ballot.

City Council terms are four (4)

year terms.

**MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY YOUR HAND AT CITY POLITICS !**

**CALL DOROTHEA AT 875-3212 TODAY FOR DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN GET YOUR NAME ON THE BALLOT!**

## POLICE ISSUE SPRING NOTICE

THE CRYSTAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE RESIDENTS THAT THE WINTER PARKING BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED BUT THERE IS STILL AN OVERNIGHT PARKING BAN ON SUPERIOR AVENUE. WHEN PARKING ON THE STREET PLEASE PARK WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALKS.

THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS HAS A JUNK CAR ORDINANCE WHICH WAS AMENDED LAST YEAR. IF A VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION EXPIRED OVER 60 DAYS AGO IT WOULD BE IN VIOLATION AND AN OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) STICKER DOES NOT EXEMPT THE VEHICLE. TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE THE VEHICLE

MUST EITHER BE LICENSED, PLACED IN A GARAGE OR REMOVED.

THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS HAS A GRASS CUTTING ORDINANCE WHICH STATES THAT THE GRASS AT A RESIDENCE MUST BE CUT A MINIMUM OF 4 TIMES A YEAR. THIS IS TO BE DONE BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>, JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>. AT NO TIME SHALL THE WEEDS, GRASS OR NUISANCE GREENERY EXCEED 10 INCHES IN HEIGHT.

THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS HAS A BLIGHT ORDINANCE WHICH PROHIBITS OPEN COLLECTION OF JUNK OR GARBAGE THAT IS NOT STORED IN AN ACCEPTABLE CONTAINER WAITING DIS-

POSAL. THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE ALSO INCLUDES STRUCTURES (HOUSES, GARAGES OR OUTBUILDINGS) THAT ARE IN SUCH A STATE OF DISREPAIR, DAMAGE OR ARE CONSIDERED STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND. IF THE BUILDING IS OPEN TO THE ELEMENTS OR ANIMALS HAVE ACCESS IT MUST BE EITHER REPAIRED OR REMOVED.

VIOLATION OF AN ABOVE ORDINANCE IS A CIVIL INFRACTION. THE CITY ORDINANCES ARE ON THE INTERNET AT [www.crystalfalls.org](http://www.crystalfalls.org) THEN CLICK ORDINANCES. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THEM YOU CAN CALL THE CRYSTAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT AT (906) 875-3012.

