

NEWSLETTER

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

CITIZENS RALLY TO CREATE A NEW SOCCER FIELD!

A group of citizens approached the Crystal Falls City Council at a special meeting on August 22nd and asked permission to create a soccer/youth football field at the Runkle Lake Park Complex. In addition, funding of \$15,000 was also requested from the City to purchase top soil, seed, and irrigation materials to create the field and permission for city work crews to assist in the coordination of the project.

Debbie Smithson gave a convincing presentation of how soccer is a growing sport in our community. The league presently practices at the

school on the football practice field, however, that field is not regulation size for soccer. Also, the youth football players need a place to practice.

The soccer league currently uses the field in Florence WI to host their "home" games. A new field in Crystal Falls will allow the area youth to host games at home which will bring other teams and their fans to the Crystal Falls area—a big plus for the local businesses.

The total cost of the field will be somewhere in the area of \$33,000 to \$38,000 with



Newly constructed soccer/youth football field at Runkle Lake Park. This field is located just North of the tennis courts.

the installation of fencing and the ongoing maintenance.

The Crystal Falls City Council unanimously voted to allow the construction of the soccer field, to allow it's

departments to assist in the construction, and to allocate \$15,000 to complete the 1st phase of the project.

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TARA PELTOMA IS YOUR NEW UTILITY BILLING CLERK!

On October 1, 2007 Tara Peltoma began her duties in the City Clerk's office. Tara has



been hired by the City to replace Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Mark Simeoni who plans to retire in July 2008. Tara was brought in early to allow time for the extensive training needed for the utility billing and other computer programs used by the City offices.

You may recognize Tara as a former employee of Jubilee Foods. Tara also brings municipal clerk experience with her as she is currently the Hematite Township Clerk, a position that she will be giving

up soon as she and her family plan to move into Crystal Falls when their home on Snuff Country Road sells. Tara is married to Tim Peltoma and has two sons, Tyler, 8, and Tommy, 6.

We hope that everyone welcomes Tara who has already proven to be a valuable addition to the City Clerk's office.

(Over 60 applications for the utility billing clerk position were received by the City, 23 interviews were conducted.)

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WATER METER INSTALLATION TO BEGIN SOON



"The home owner or a representative must be present in the home during the meter installation."

The contract for the installation of water meters has been awarded to Berger & King of Escanaba and the installations will begin in November 2007.

Berger & King employee, Scott Thrasher, is heading up the crew that will install the meters into all the homes in the City of Crystal Falls. Scott's wife, Wendy Thrasher, has been employed to oversee the scheduling of the meter installations.

Home owners can expect written and/or telephone notification approximately 1 week in advance of the installation of the meter in their home. The home owner or a representa-

tive must be present in the home during the meter installation. Berger & King personnel will not be allowed to enter a customer's property without the presence of the owner or a representative. The actual installation of the meter should take approximately 2 hours or less under normal circumstances.

In preparation for the installation home owners are urged to clear the area surrounding the water line where it enters the home.

Any questions regarding the scheduling of the installation should be directed to

Wendy Thrasher at 875-3648.

The City of Crystal Falls is urging the cooperation of the residents throughout the duration of this project. Meters installed by Berger & King will be free to the customers as the City has secured a grant to pay for this project. Once Berger & King is finished with the project there are no guarantees that the meters will still be free and the installation will become the responsibility of the home owner.

Water service to unmetered homes may be discontinued pending the installation of a meter.

THANKS!

According to the City's Public Works Foreman, Kelly Stankewicz, the crew that works for Bacco Construction commented to him that they liked working in Crystal Falls on the water, sewer, and streetscape projects this past summer. They noted that the citizens were very cooperative and understanding making the construction projects go as smoothly as possible.

Even when water lines were severed and water had to be shut off, sometimes for hours at a time, the people were understanding.

Even when roads were torn apart, impassable, and dusty, the people were understanding.

Even when traffic was rerouted and delayed, the people were understanding.

SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

DOWNTOWN GETS A FACELIFT!

IT WAS WORTH ALL THE TROUBLE NOW WASN'T IT!



AND HOW ABOUT THOSE POCKET PARKS, EH!

As part of the Streetscape project in downtown Crystal Falls three pocket parks were developed.



CITY HALL POCKET PARK



LIBRARY POCKET PARK



VFW POCKET PARK

Who was she?

Skeletal remains were discovered on March 27, 2007, in a rotting tree stump in the Kimball Location on land owned by Jim Bendick. Jim contacted the Crystal Falls police department who then called the Michigan State Police. The remains were collected along with a rusty can, a fly rod handle, and coffin hardware. An analysis of the remains was conducted by the Michi-

gan State University Forensic Anthropology Laboratory. The MSU findings were that the remains were those of a human female adult (probably older than forty years at death), 5'1" to 5'6" tall, of European decent. The skeleton did not give any clues to the cause of death. It was the opinion of the lab, based on the coffin hardware found at the site, that she was bur-

ied between the 1880's and the first half of the 20th century.

The location of the grave site is in the Kimball Location along the South of Williams Street and East side of North 3rd Street.

So that leaves the question—
Who was she?



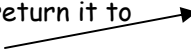
CRYSTAL VIEW APARTMENTS COMING SOON!

Hovey Companies and the City of Crystal Falls have jumped through many hoops and it appears that funding has finally been secured from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to renovate the former Crystal Manor building into an apartment complex.

The complex will consist of 22—24 one and two bedroom affordable rental units. The one bedroom units will be 607 to 636 square feet of living space and the two bedrooms will be 712 to 912 square feet. Storage, laundry, and a fitness center will be available within the building for the convenience of the tenants. It appears that the vision of having

a restaurant on the main floor of the building will not become a reality at this point as MSHDA has not approved it as part of the plans. There may still be some retail shops within the building such as a gift or beauty shop or perhaps some sort of professional offices.

The possibility of a walk out green roof area is also a vision of the developer that will allow tenants to have a bit of a yard or garden space to enjoy above the streets of the City. Every apartment will also feature it's own unique view of historic downtown Crystal Falls.

Interested in renting? Fill out the application & return it to City Hall 



I'm interested in receiving more information on these apartment units.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

I am interested in the following unit info:

___ 1 bedroom unit (\$218 -\$488)

___ 2 bedroom unit (\$260 -\$549)

Comments: _____

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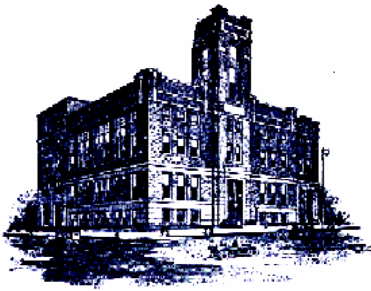
The soccer field has been built and grass was growing well by the end of September. The last phase of the project was to install fencing to protect the field and that has been also been done.

This project is yet another fine example of what can be done when everyone works together.

A gathering to celebrate the creation of this field and recognize those who contrib-

uted time and money for the project will be held at the Crystal Falls Township Hall on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

GOOD JOB EVERYONE AND THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TIME, EFFORT, OR MONEY!



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CALENDAR

- NOV 6: PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 5 PM
- NOV 12: CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5 PM
- NOV 15: OPEN DAY—DEER SEASON
- NOV 22—23: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- DEC 10: CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5 PM
- DEC 24-25: CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- JAN 1: NEW YEARS HOLIDAY—CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- JAN 14: CITY COUNCIL MEETING 5 PM

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

CRYSTAL FALLS CATV

- 2 HISTORY
- 3 USA
- 4 HBO
- 5 CBS (WJMN)
- 6 NBC(WLUC)
- 7 ESPN SPORTS
- 8 FOX SPORTS NET
- 9 WGN-CHICAGO
- 10 ABC(WBUP)
- 11 FOX(WLUK)
- 12 CNN NEWS
- 13 PBS (WNMU)
- 14 VH-1 MUSIC
- 15 SPIKE TV
- 16 DISNEY
- 17 WEATHER CHANNEL
- 18 HOME & GARDEN
- 20 A & E
- 21 WTBS
- 22 TCM
- 23 EWTN
- 25 MTV—MUSIC
- 26 DISCOVERY
- 27 TNT
- 28 HALLMARK
- 29 TV LAND
- 30 LIFETIME
- 31 HOME SHOPPING
- 32 CMT
- 33 NICKELODEON
- 34 FOX (WMQF)

CITY RESIDENTS TO ENJOY TOWNSHIP WATER

The streets and sidewalks have been torn up and put back together and after a long, dusty summer of construction it is finally going to happen—City residents will soon be drinking water from the Crystal Falls Township wells. This will hopefully happen by mid-November.

The City and Township have collaborated in an inter-governmental effort to make this a reality for the residents of the Crystal Falls area. Until now, the City has pumped water from its wells located in the Western Location to a water filtration system on the shores of the Paint River where the minerals and impurities were removed. The water was then pumped to the water tank near the Iron County Court House and out to the residents.

The City's search for a new water source was unsuccessful until the cooperation of Crystal

Falls Township brought the two municipalities together to improve the water systems of both. The Township water is of such good quality that it does not require a filtration system and is plentiful enough to supply both the Township and City residents.

Township residents who had been receiving water from the City's system will now be billed directly from the Township. This change will take place in December 2007.

City residents will soon have water meters installed in their homes and will begin to pay based on actual usage. The charge for the water will be \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons used with a minimum of \$36.00/month.

The plan is to begin posting the meter readings on the monthly utility billings as soon as the meters are installed, but, to not use those readings for billing purposes until

most of the meters are installed. This will allow the home owners time to see how much water they are actually using and, if needed, to fix any leaks, running toilets, or dripping faucets prior to being billed based on the actual usage.

Did you know that a small drip or leaky toilet could waste thousands of gallons of water a year? To check for a leaky toilet do the following:

1. Remove the tank lid.
2. Add some food coloring or a dye tablet and replace the lid.
3. After 30 minutes, look in the bowl. If you see colored water, you have a leak.

Pick up a tip sheet on checking for leaks and fixing them at the City Clerk's office.

