



CITY COUNCIL TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO 4 MEMBERS

Mark Valesano's term on the City Council would have expired in November 2008, however his appointment to the position of Iron County Sheriff resulted in his resignation from the City

Council on September 8, 2008. The Council opted to not appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy as the November election was less than 60 days away.

THANK YOU MARK! for your service on the City Council and congratulation on your appointment and election to the position of Iron County Sheriff!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH!

MEET THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

In November the voters of the City of Crystal Falls will elect two Councilors. The seats that will be filled are those of Mark Valesano and Edna Heikkinen. In November, Edna Heikkinen will complete a four year term on City Council and had previ-

ously decided to not run for reelection at this time. HOWEVER, now she has decided to run again and because she did not file a nominating petition in time she will be running as a write-in candidate.

The candidates that are compet-

ing for your votes to fill the two vacancies on the City Council were offered an opportunity to answer a few questions and tell you who they are and why you should vote for them. Their stories begin on page 2...

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WHAT DOES WATER HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR SEWER BILLING?

Something that has not been readily talked about previously is how your water usage will also affect your sewer billing. The more water you use, the more sewer you create. The sewer billings are tied to the water usage and you will pay more than the minimum sewer billing of \$24/month if you use more than 5,800 gallons of water. Sewer rates are: \$24 for the first 5,800 gallons of wa-

ter used and \$21 for every 5,800 gallons thereafter or .003621/gallon. For example, if you use 9,000 gallons of water your sewer billing will be: \$24.00 + \$11.59= \$35.59 (the first 5,800 gallons = \$24, the next 3,200 gallons is billed at .003621/gallon = \$11.59 for a total of \$35.59). This will be in addition to the water billing

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Mary A. Lahna

Mary, the daughter of Joseph and Evelyn Smokevitch, was born in November of 1946 in Crystal Falls. She graduated from the Crystal Falls High School and then spent the next year going to infant nursing school in Evanston IL. Mary returned to Crystal Falls in 1981. She was married for 12 ½ years and has been a single parent since 1981 to two sons and one daughter. She also has three granddaughters. All of her children live out of the Crystal Falls area because of the lack of jobs here. Mary owned and operated her own child care business in Crystal Falls from 1984 until May of 2007.



MARY LAHNA

Reading, knitting, and crochet are what Mary most enjoys doing in her spare time. She has been active in the Forest Park PTO and in planning the Senior All Night Partys from 1987 - 1993. Mary has served as a Catholic Christian Doctrine (CCD) aide and teacher and has been involved with the Crystal Falls/Amasa ecumenical vacation bible school. Currently Mary is serving on the "Lincoln Park Playground Committee".

Mary believes that her experience of raising children on a limited income and operating her own business gives her a perspective on reality that others may not have and make her a good candidate for the Crystal Falls City Council. She is running because she thinks that change is needed to keep Crystal Falls from becoming a ghost town. "We need jobs - from industry or services - but jobs in town, not 15, 20, or 30 miles away". Mary says that some of the biggest assets the City has are Runkle Lake Park, our people, and the space for businesses to locate here. She sees the City's biggest challenge as the

task of bringing in good paying jobs that will keep people in town, raising families here.

Mary hopes to bring new ideas and perspective to the City Council. She is a big promoter of Crystal Falls and believes the City should support and encourage the businesses we currently have. She thinks that the City needs to set money aside for projects - like the lead and asbestos removal at the Crystal Manor building, rather than waiting until the last minute and then wondering where it will come from. She noted that it is evident from the council meetings that she has attended that City expenses are growing while revenues are dwindling, and that needs to change.

Jeff Hagglund

Jeff Hagglund is 31 years old. He graduated from Forest Park High School and received an Associates Degree from Michigan Tech University. He is employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Work and golf keep him busy in the summer and he likes to ice fish in the winter. He is active in the Men's golf and basketball leagues.



JEFF HAGGLUND

Jeff has been married to Sarah (Sundquist) for two (2) years. Sarah is employed by Peninsula Title and Abstract.

Jeff is running for a seat on the City Council because he would like to be involved in the City government with new projects and plans. Jeff sees the City's greatest asset as the community. "Crystal Falls is a great place to grow up"; if he could use only one word to describe

our community it would be "supportive". He enjoys the familiar friendly faces everywhere and he looks forward to raising his own family in Crystal Falls.

"The biggest challenge for the City will be getting outsiders to come to the area" says Jeff. Jeff hopes to bring a fresh outlook to the City Council. He states that he is "young and open minded", and believes his biggest asset is that he doesn't have "an axe to grind". He simply would like to be involved.

Scott Thrasher

Scott was born in 1958 in Bloomington, Indiana, and came to the Crystal Falls area in 1980 while employed by a mining firm doing an exploratory search for diamonds. He gave up the search for diamonds after meeting his wife, Wendy, in Crystal Falls. They have 8 children: Kody, Lacy, Jordan, Joey, Jared, Rikki, Jamey, and Ryan. Joey and Ryan both passed away at an early age. They also have 3 grandchildren: Haley and Dillon McCole and Kyler Rouse.



SCOTT THRASHER

For the past 12 years he has worked as a plumber-pipe fitter with the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 111. He has worked on several local projects including the Forest Park Elementary School, the addition to the Iron County Medical Care Facility, and most recently, the installation of water meters into the homes and business right here in Crystal Falls.

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Scott is a member of the Crystal Falls Fire Department, and served as a volunteer on the Iron County ambulance service as an EMT. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, spending time with his family and going to the Forest Park sporting events.

Scott was appointed to the Crystal Falls City Council in August 2002 and was later elected to a four (4) year term. He says that he enjoyed his time on the City Council and ran for re-election in 2006, and even though he was not successful he has decided to try again. He would like to help the City find ways to increase revenues without increasing taxes, and curb rising costs.

"The Residents", that is what Scott believes is the City's greatest asset. He has noted "I do not believe you could go anywhere else in the world and find people as nice, friendly, caring, and proud, proud to live in Crystal Falls that is." Scott sees Crystal Falls as a beautiful, safe, comfortable community, and a great place to raise a family.

This community is not without its challenges however. He sees the increased costs of living in the City as having a negative effect on the stability of the City's population in the future and creating an increased burden on those who will remain.

If elected Scott promises to try to bring new energy and a new perspective to the City Council, to stay informed and do the research necessary to make the best decisions for all the residents of the City. He notes that has no hidden agenda and is not related to any current or past City employees so he will not have any conflicts of interest that could cloud his judgment on personnel issues. "I would appreciate your vote on November 4th. Thank you very much."

Jim Burke

Jim Burke has lived in Crystal Falls at 128 Iron Street for almost 18 years. Jim is 53 years old and has a four (4) year degree and a Masters from Northern Michigan University. He works for the Lac Vieux Desert Tribe running some of the Reservation programs. Jim also writes grant applications for the Tribe.

He served eight (8) years in the Air Force Reserve, and is a member of the Guardian Angels Church. Jim has served on the Crystal Falls Planning Commission and also was a Crystal Falls Township Zoning Administrator.

Jim considers himself lucky to be happily married to his wife Sue. They are very proud of their two daughters, Ann and Maureen, both Forest Park graduates.



JIM BURKE

Jim is running for City Council because he thinks Crystal Falls is a great place to live and would like to be a part of making it a better place to live. Jim sees the City's biggest asset as "it's people!"

"These are tough economic times and the City will be pressed in the years to come" says Jim. He also noted that he feels our downtown is a place that has so much potential. This is what Jim sees as the City's biggest challenge.

Jim hopes to bring a willingness to work to do whatever is best for the City; to work with others who believe the City's best years are ahead of it. If elected, Jim states that "I'll sincerely try to do my best to represent my neighbors views, attend every Council meeting, serve my term, and make decisions that are in the City's best interest".

Edna Heikkinen

Edna was born and raised in Crystal Falls. After she married her husband Edward they moved to Milwaukee where they lived for 30 years. While in Milwaukee she served as President of the PTA for 2 years and the as President of her neighbor group for 6 years. She attended nursing school and became a Li-

censed Practical Nurse. Edna is the mother of four (4) grown sons and has four (4) grandchildren and three (3) step-grandchildren.

Edna Heikkinen was elected to, and has served on, the City Council for the past four (4) years. Originally she had opted to not run for a 2nd term on the Council, however, as important issues have arisen she felt a desire to play a part in seeing these issue thru to completion, issues like the Crystal View Apartments.

In fact, the Crystal View Apartment development of the Crystal Manor building is something that Edna sees as the City's biggest challenge. This is a project she truly want to see become reality.

Edna is hoping to continue on the City Council and bring her personality and respect for all she comes in contact with. She intends to look at the facts - not the personalities when dealing with City issues.



EDNA HEIKKINEN

The one thing Edna would like to change about the City government or services provided by the City is to "have a better working condition with the City Manager".

Edna regrets not filing a nominating petition to have her name placed on the ballot, however, she hopes to capture your vote on November 4th as a write in candidate.

Randy Hegstrom

Randy is a graduate of Forest Park High School and is self employed in the construction field. He has lived in Crystal Falls his entire life. Randy has

THE ANNUAL FALL YARD WASTE PICK UP IN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS WILL BE CONDUCTED THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27. RAKE YARD DEBRIS TO THE CURB- BRANCHES MUST BE IN 4' OR LESS LENGTHS. ONCE THE CITY TRUCK PASSES BY YOUR HOME IT WILL NOT RETURN FOR ADDITIONAL PICKUPS—SO HAVE YOUR RAKINGS READY BY 7 AM MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.



Excessive Water Use Policy

The City of Crystal Falls encourages all water customers to utilize water conservation practices. In the event excessive water use is detected, the water customer will be billed accordingly: Double the minimum allowance of 4,500 gallons (9,000 gallons), or double the average monthly use, whichever is higher. A fee for any additional water used will be billed at the discretion of the water superintendent and billing staff following an investigation into the cause of the excessive use.

What does this mean to you? If you have a toilet or faucet that begins to leak and you are unaware of this until the meter reading is taken and that reading shows an excessive use of water, the City will not bill you for more than either 9,000 gallons or double your average monthly usage, whichever is higher. So, if you normally use 4,500 gallons or less each month and you experience excessive usage (thousands of gallons over the minimum of 4,500) due to a problem in the home you will be billed for only 9,000 gallons. You will, of course, be encouraged to correct

the problem causing the excessive usage in order to prevent further wasting of water or you will continue to be billed twice the minimum (\$72/month instead of \$36/month). If you normally use more than the 4,500 gallon minimum you will be billed at twice your normal usage (i.e... you use 10,000 gallons/month = \$80/month, and due to a leak you use 25,000 gallons a month- you will only be billed for 20,000 gallons/month = \$160/month). If you fail to correct the problem once the water superintendent determines the cause of your excessive usage you will be billed according to the actual usage.

Water is a valuable resource that should not be wasted needlessly. The City has developed this policy to give relief to those who develop a problem with their water usage until they are made aware and given a reasonable time to correct the problem.

MEET THE CANDIDATES (CONTINUED)

one daughter, 11 year old Alexis. He is the son of former Crystal Falls Mayor, Larry Hegstrom and has a lot of family ties to Crystal Falls.

He is running for the City Council as a write-in candidate because he feels the City is being shortchanged by the township water fees while the City continues to provide police protection to the township free of charge.

Randy sees the City's biggest asset as the power plant, however, he believes "the current management and distribution of the profits helps the non-residents more than the residents".

In Randy's opinion the biggest challenge for the City is and will continue to be paying for all the retirees health insurance until the day they die. "This will cost the residents of Crystal Falls millions of their dollars, and I think it will bankrupt the City" Randy said.

Randy hopes to bring to the City Council the ability to "tell the truth" about a lot of issues that must be addressed without being worried about who or what the issue is.

"If I could change anything about the City government or services provided by the City it would be to run the City like any city without a power plant by taking the

profits from the power plant and giving every City electric customer a profit sharing check based on usage once a year.



RANDY HEGSTROM

HOW TO CAST A WRITE-IN VOTE

Two people have indicated their intent to run as write-in candidates for City Council.

So just what is the proper way to cast a vote for a write in candidate? The picture to the right shows the section of the ballot for the City Councilors. To cast a write-in vote, simply write the name(s) of the write-in candidates you want to vote for and fill in the circle to the right of the name. If you don't fill in the circle you have not cast a vote for that person.

Write in votes are not counted unless the person voted for has filed a **"Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent"** by the 2nd Friday immediately preceding the election. The two candidates who have filed for the November 4th election are Edna Heikkinen and Randy Hegstrom.

NONPARTISAN SECTION	
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CITY COUNCILORS	
Vote for not more than 2	
Jim Burke	<input type="radio"/>
Jeff Hagglund	<input type="radio"/>
Mary Lahna	<input type="radio"/>
Scott Thrasher	<input type="radio"/>
JOHN DOE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
JANE DOE	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS AVAILABLE AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE UNTIL NOV 1ST

Registered voters in the City of Crystal Falls may obtain an Absent Voter ballot from the City Clerk's office during the regular office hours of 7:30 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday.

An application for the ballot must be completed and signed by the voter and either mailed or delivered to the City Clerk's office.

The applicant must select a reason for requesting an absent voter ballot. Valid reasons include:

1. Expected absence from the community on election day.
2. Physically unable to attend polls without the assistance of another.
3. Cannot attend polls because of the tenets of religion.
4. 60 years of age or older.
5. Cannot attend the polls because of confinement to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

It should be noted that the last day to obtain an Absent Voter ballot is Saturday, November 1st until 2 pm (the Saturday immediately preceding the election.) Ballots can still be obtained after that 2 pm deadline, but only for certain emergency reasons. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 875-3212 ext 102 with any questions regarding the issuance of absent voter ballots.

SEWER BILLING (CONT)

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for 9,000 gallons = \$72.00.

Please note that the sewer rate does not increase until after you have used 5,800 gallons, this allows 1,300 gallons for wa-

tering yards or gardens before you pay additional sewer charges.

These sewer rates are nothing new and in fact have been in effect in the City of Crystal Falls since February 1998.



**TRICK -OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE CITY ARE 4-7 PM - OCTOBER 31
HAPPY HALLOWEEN !**

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LINCOLN PARK FUNDS CONTINUE TO GROW

A big THANK YOU! to the ACFA organization for a \$1000 contribution to the Lincoln Park Playground fund. Wayne Maki, President of the ACFA, presented the check for \$1000 to Dorothea Olson, City Clerk/Treasurer/Lincoln Park Playground Committee representative, to add to the fund raising drive to purchase some new playground equipment for Lincoln Park. Lincoln Park is located at the top of the Paint River Boardwalk on the East bank of the Paint River. The playground committee is also selling sport bottles and has other fund raising activities planned for the near future with hopes of having enough money in 2009 to get the playground equipment in place for the children of the community to enjoy. Volunteers and donations are welcome—call Dorothea at the City Hall—875-3212 ext 102 to see how you can be a part of this project!



Dorothea Olson accepts check from ACFC President, Wayne Maki

CITY CALENDAR

- OCT 13: CITY COUNCIL MEETS—5 PM
- OCT 27: PLANNING COMM. MEETS-5 PM
- OCT 28: PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT—10 AM
- OCT 28: RECYCLE DAY
- OCT 31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN! TRICK OR TREAT HOURS 4 PM—7 PM
- NOV 1: LAST DAY TO OBTAIN AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR NOV 4 ELECTION—UNTIL 2 PM
- NOV 2: TURN YOU CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR
- NOV 4: ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN FROM 7:00 AM—8 PM
- NOV 10: CITY COUNCIL MEETS—5 PM (REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING)
- NOV 15: OPENING DAY OF DEER SEASON
- NOV 25: RECYCLE DAY
- NOV 27 & 28: CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

TARA'S FAVORITES

PUMPKIN CRUNCH DESSERT

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 can (15 oz) solid pumpkin
- 1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups of sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ cup chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 cup butter (melted)

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease the bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Beat pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with the pecans. Drizzle the melted butter over the pecans. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes or until golden brown.