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5 CITY EMPLOYEES TO RETIRE BY JULY

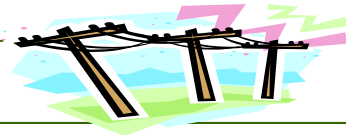
The City of Crystal Falls workforce will be reduced by the end of this summer. Five employees have opted to take advantage of an "Early Out" window that has been opened by the City. To qualify for the "Early Out" the employee must have served the City for at least 25 years as a member of the Municipal Employees Retirement System of

Michigan and have attained the age of 50 years.

The "Early Out" option was offered to allow the City to reduce the workforce without having to layoff employees. The recent automation of the City owned Power Plant reduced that work crew

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ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE



The City of Crystal Falls signed a new 5 year contract with WE Energies and the time has come to increase the rates charged to the Crystal Falls customers. The last increase was in 2003, and since that time, the City has absorbed the increases imposed by WE Energies without passing them along to it's customers. What does this mean now for the Crystal Falls customers? It means about a 15% increase in your electric utilities. The new residential rate formula is: First 30 Kwh = \$6.50 (minimum) and the balance over 30 Kwh @ .0945. For example,

if you use 500 Kwh for the month, under the old rate you were charged \$43.10, at the new rate you will be charged \$50.91. Under the new rate structure electric heat and electric hot water use the same formula as the residential rate. Commercial customers can review that rate structure on the City's website or can pick up a copy at the City Clerk's office.

This rate increase has been applied to the utility bills that were mailed to customers on May 31, 2006.

HOW YOU CAN RUN FOR A SEAT ON THE CRYSTAL FALLS CITY COUNCIL!

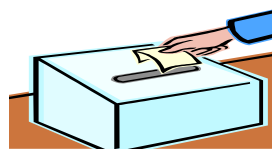
Have you ever considered running for a seat on the City Council and didn't quite know how to go about it? In addition to the Mayor's seat, there are two (2) City Council seats with terms that expire

this November. Nominating petitions for these seats must be filed by Tuesday, August

1st.

The process is simple:

1. Pick up a nominating petition at the City Clerk's office.



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The Crystal Falls City Newsletter has been produced as a means to keep the citizens of community informed. It will be produced quarterly and available at the City Clerk/ Treasurer's office at City Hall and on the City's website at www.crystalfalls.org

Suggestions and comments regarding this publication are always welcome—please pass them on to Dorothea Olson, City Clerk/ Treasurer

Employees Retire (continued)

THE RETIRING EMPLOYEES ARE:

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from four down to one and has resulted in two layoffs and one other placed elsewhere within the City's operations until his retirement under the "Early Out" plan in July. In addition, the electric and police departments will lose one employee each while the public works department will lose two employees. Overall the City will lose a combined 149 years of experience with these retirees. The City's payroll will be reduced by approximately \$174,000 annually. The reduction of State Revenue Sharing and other sources of income for the City, along with the increased cost of operation, made the reduced workforce crucial to make ends meet without imposing additional fees on the citizens.

Robert Fabbri was hired in May to replace retiring Dennis Mitchell in the Electric Department. This is the only new hire, all other departments will work with a reduced workforce. The Police force has been reduced to 4 full time and one part-time officer since the military deployment of Officer Fraser three years ago. Officer Fraser has now returned and Robert Sherwin was designated as the City's new Chief of Police upon the retirement of Jack Bicigo. Kelly Stankewicz has been promoted to the position of Public Works Foreman effective with the retirement of Dennis Fabbri.



Jack Bicigo

Jack began working for the City in December 1975 as a patrolman in the police department. In 1990 he was promoted to Sergeant and then to Chief of Police in July 1993. At his retirement date of May 1, 2006 he had served the City of Crystal Falls for 30 years and 4 months.

Jack is the husband of Cheryl, father of Melanie, Allyson, and Joshua, and the grandfather of Bryce.

Jack plans to hunt, fish, and spend more time at camp when he retires.



Dennis "Mitch" Mitchell

Mitch started his career with the City in July 1971 in the electric department. During that time he has worked as a lineman restoring power during outages, installed cable TV drops, performed duties at the water filter plant, served as a

meter reader, and various other tasks in the electric department. At his retirement date of July 1, 2006 he will have served the City for a total of 35 years.

Mitch is the husband of Arlene, father of Brenda, Tracey, Angela, and Dennis. He has 3 grandchildren and 1 more expected soon.

When he retires Mitch plans to spend more time at camp and fishing.

Mitch says the thing he'll miss the most about working is the people he worked with every day and the "safety" meetings.



Dennis "Ladder" Fabbri

Ladder was hired in June 1975 as a member of the public works department. He also served as the Sexton at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. In July 1986 he was promoted to the Assistant Public Works Foreman position and then to the Foreman position in April of 1993. Upon his retirement on June 30, 2006 he will have served the City of Crystal Falls for 31 years.

Dennis is the husband of Cindy, father of Kristi (owner of Grand-dogs Bailey & Farley) and Christopher.

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He has three dogs: Mandy, Abbey, and Emma.

Ladder plans to spend more time enjoying the outdoors once he is retired, however, his first priority is to help with the planning of his daughter Kristi's wedding which will take place at the Paint River Walkway on September 2nd.

The thing he says he will miss the most about working for the City is working with the college students and other part-timers who were hired as summer help by the City. Some of the most memorable times he had were working with the late Art Marinello and Carmello Schiavo.



Ted Reinke

Ted began working for the City of Crystal Falls in April 1978 as a laborer in the public works department. In October 1998 he was promoted to the position of Assistant Public Works Foreman. His primary duties included truck driver and equipment operator, however, he was involved in many other duties, including water & sewer line maintenance. Ted will have served the City for 28 years and 2 months upon his retirement effective July 1, 2006.

Ted is the husband of Brenda, and

the father of Daniel and Brian.

Ted says he's been told that there will be a lot of "honey-do" lists waiting for him upon his retirement. Work, work, work—that's Ted.

The thing that Ted says he'll miss the most is the paychecks. He says the most memorable moments were "the practical jokes Dorothea & I played on each other—the best was when she stuck my paycheck to the 12 foot high ceiling of the Clerk's office & I had to get it down by myself". Yes- that was pretty funny!



Mike "Smokey" Smokevitch

Smokey was hired in March 1981 as a Power Plant Operator. In March 1993 he was promoted to the position of Power Plant Chief. Upon the automation of the power plant in June of 2005 he was transferred to the public works department and has performed a variety of duties for the City including meter reader, janitor, ski hill attendant, and laborer at the park, cemetery, and golf course. On July 1, 2006 he will have served the City for 25 years.

Mike is the husband of Jeannine, the father of Joe, Michelle, Tony, Bob, and Jake, the grandfather of Kaden, Ashley, Amanda, Sara, Sean, Katlyn, and Shyla.

Smokey says when he retires he will most likely get another job and maybe dabble in local politics.

The thing that Mike will miss the most about working for the City is the Power Plant. His most memorable moments while working at the plant include raising the gate in a thunder storm during the spring break up, "You will believe in God after an experience like that" he said.

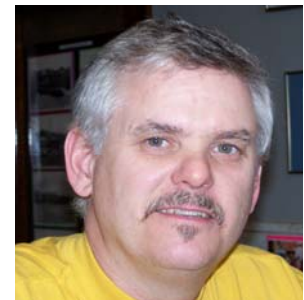
We want to wish all these retirees "Good Luck" in their "after the City" lives and also a big "Thank you" for their dedication and years of service. These retirees are all shining examples of the City's slogan "City of Community Pride".

**WELCOME BACK
MARCEL!**

The City welcomes Marcel Fraser back to work as a Police Patrolman after 3 years of deployment with the National Guard.

Marcel left on Military Leave February 1, 2003 and was sent to Kuwait in May of that year. In June of 2004 Marcel injured his back and after extensive rehabilitation has returned to work with the Crystal Falls Police Department April 10th.

We encourage everyone to welcome Marcel back and thank him for his dedication and service to our country.



Marcel Fraser

"City of Community Pride"

RUNKLE LAKE PARK OPEN FOR THE SEASON

Runkle Lake Park opened for camping beginning on Friday, May 26th.

This spring the City contracted with Hilberg logging to thin out some of the park trees. The revenue from that timber sale will be put toward an upgrade of the electric service in the park to handle the demands of the modern trailers and mo-

tor homes that enjoy camping at the park.

The park also offers a swimming beach with a raft that are monitored by a certified lifeguard. Remember, the lifeguard is there for you and your children's safety, not as a babysitter.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUNG CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT THE BEACH!

Also, try to be mindful of the Eurasian Water Milfoil problem in the lake and stay away from any marked areas. There is an ordinance in the works to limit the speed of boats on the lake to help keep the milfoil from spreading. Please see the previous newsletter for more. **PROTECT & ENJOY YOUR PARK & LAKE!**



2006 CAMPING RATES

Sites #1-17 = \$20/day
or \$540/month

Sites #18-57 = \$15/day
or \$405/month

Camp 7 consecutive days & get the 7th day free!

Monthly rates require 31 consecutive days of camping!

CLEAN IT UP !

The City of Crystal Falls will once again offer its residents an opportunity to dispose of materials as part of the Spring Clean Up. This year the drop off will be conducted on Friday, June 2nd & Saturday, June 3rd at the Bristol Mine site from 8 am to 3 pm. **This is for City of Crystal Falls residents only.** Crystal Falls Township conducts it's own clean up at a different date.

Items that will be accepted

include:

- * Furniture
- * Small Appliances
- * Old Clothing
- * Scrap Metals
- * Yard Waste & Trees

Items not accepted are:

- * Paint
- * Refrigerator/Freezers
- * Tires
- * Batteries
- * Hazardous Chemicals
- * Household Garbage
- * Treated wood
- * Building materials

CITY RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW POLICE PATROL VEHICLE

On May 10th the City of Crystal Falls accepted a check for a grant from Rural Development for \$27,000.00 for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive patrol vehicle for the Crystal Falls Police Dept. In addition to this grant the City will contribute \$10,073.50 toward the 2006 Ford Expedition. City Manager

Charles Nordeman, Mayor Janet Hendrickson, and Police Chief Robert Sherwin are shown here receiving the check from Michigan's director of USDA Rural Development, Gene DeRosset (center), and USDA Rural Development Specialist Jim Yoder.

INQUIRING MINDS

A question about the City Hall has been raised by a reader: **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TOWER ABOVE THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CITY HALL?** The tower is merely an architectural design and serves no other purpose. At



one time the American Flag was posted on top of the tower and it was the duty of the fireman to put the flag up each morning and take it

down each night. There is now a lighted flag on the West side of the City Hall that flies night and day. It was believed that the tower once housed a bell, when in fact, the bell tower is located at the back of the City Hall building. The bell, used to call volunteers to fires in the days before the sirens, has been removed and is now housed at the Harbour House Museum. The bell tower is still used to this day to hang and dry the fire hoses after each use.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2-3: Spring Clean-up at Bristol Mine site 8am-3pm

June 12: City Council meeting at 5 p.m

June 14: Flag Day—Fly those flags!

June 21: Summer Begins-YAY!



June 27: Recycle Day

July 3: City Offices Closed (City employee's floating holiday)

July 4: Independence Day- City Offices Closed

July 7-9: Bass Festival-go fish!

July 10: Last day to register to vote in the August 2006 Primary Election

July 10: City Council meeting at 5 p.m.

July 25: Recycle Day

August 1: Last day to file petitions to run for City Council or Mayor seats.

August 8: Primary Election

August 10-13: Humongus Fungus Festival

August 14: City Council meeting at 5 pm



August 29: Recycle Day

Where did the summer go?

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW you could be fined for not cutting your lawn? City Ordinance No. 2, which is our featured ordinance this month, makes it a law that you must cut your lawn at least once a month in June, July, and August



CUT YOUR GRASS EACH MONTH OR YOU COULD BE FINED!

(before the 15th of each month) or you can be fined! Check it out on Page 6.

DID YOU KNOW that Bill Leonoff, Director of the Iron County Chamber of Commerce, holds office hours at the Crystal Falls City Hall on Wednesdays from 9 -10 a.m.? Stop and visit with him.

DID YOU KNOW that the City employees have a "Floating Holiday" ? This is a

paid holiday that is selected annually by the employees. This year that day is on Monday, July 3rd, which put together with the July 4th holiday make for a long weekend for the employees. So maybe they will go "floating" on their floating holiday after all.



CITY TO COLLECT SUMMER TAXES

DID YOU KNOW that the City of Crystal Falls will collect the summer tax bill payments beginning in July 2006? City property owners will now pay their summer property taxes at the City Hall instead of at the Forest Park School as in the past.

HOW YOU CAN RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

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2. Collect at least 25, but not more than 50, signatures of registered voters of the City.
3. Return the signed petitions to the City Clerk by the deadline of August 1, 2006 (4:00 p.m.)
4. Complete the required paper work (provided by the City Clerk) when returning petition.

5. The Clerk then checks the signatures on the petition to determine they are valid.
6. Once the signatures are verified the City Clerk forwards your information to the County Clerk for inclusion on the November ballot as a candidate for office.

The seats for City Council and Mayor are all four (4) year terms that will expire

in November 2010. City Council and Mayor candidates are non-partisan. The Mayor is paid \$200/month, Councilors get \$150/month.

The incumbents in the seats that will expire are held by: Janet Hendrickson, Mayor; Scott Thrasher, Councilor; and Jack Stachowicz, Councilor.

Newly elected officials terms of office begin upon being sworn in on the day of

the first Council meeting after their election. Election Day is November 7, 2006 and the November Crystal Falls City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13th. Generally the City Council meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Do you have something to offer your community as a member of the City Council?

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Scott Thrasher, Councilor 875-3648
Mark Valesano, Councilor 875-6043
Jack Stachowicz, Councilor 875-3950
Charles Nordeman, Manager 875-6647
Dorothea Olson, Clerk/Treas 875-3212
Robert Sherwin, Police Chief 875-3012
John Ahola, Fire Chief 875-6614

CATV CHANNEL LINEUP

- 2 HISTORY
- 3 USA
- 4 HBO*
- 5 CBS
- 6 NBC
- 7 ESPN
- 8 FOX SPORTS
- 9 WGN
- 10 ABC
- 11 FOX-GREEN BAY
- 12 CNN
- 13 PBS
- 14 VH-1
- 15 SPIKE TV
- 16 DISNEY
- 17 WEATHER
- 18 HOME & GARDEN
- 20 A & E
- 21 TBS
- 22 TCM
- 23 EWTN
- 25 MTV
- 26 DISCOVERY
- 27 TNT
- 28 HALLMARK
- 29 TV LAND
- 30 LIFETIME
- 31 HOME SHOPPING
- 32 CMT
- 33 ESPN2
- 34 NICKELODEON
- 35 WMQF-FOX-MARQ

*HBO is a premium movie channel available for additional fees. (\$20.00 to install and \$11.00/month.)

Basic cable—City = \$19/mo
Twp=\$19.50/mo

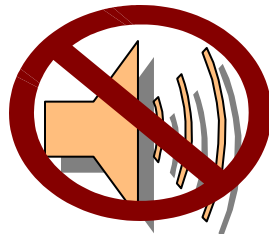
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN ACTIONS TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES. (ORDINANCE NO.2)

The following is a summary of Crystal Falls City

Ordinance No. 2

No person shall deposit, place, or throw any dead or sick or injured animal, or part thereof, or any garbage, rubbish or other animal or organic matter into any reservoir or into or upon the banks of any stream, lake, pond, sewer, or well within the City.

No person shall make any unnecessary loud or unusual noises that annoy, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health or safety of the



public. No person shall play or operate any musical instrument, phonograph or radio in such a manner as to cause loud or unusual sound or noise between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7am.

No person shall operate or maintain any machine, device or apparatus, or instrument between the hours of 6 pm and 11 pm which shall cause reasonably preventable electrical interference with the

operation of any radio or television receiving set.

No person shall attach, post, or paint upon any lamp post, electric light or telephone pole, tree, hydrant, bridge, pavement, sidewalk, street, shop, building or public property located within any public street, alley or other public place within the City.



No person shall throw, scatter or deposit any poster, handbills, cards, or other written or printed matter or any waste paper in any public street, alley or public place, nor shall any person leave or deposit the same on any private property in such a manner as to permit them to be blown onto any street, alley, or other public place.

It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of platted residential lots with dwellings, or lots between dwellings, or commercial property with building/s and available to the public, to cause the cutting down of weeds, grass, or other nuisance greenery before the

15th day of June, July, and August. In rural sections bordering roads it shall be the duty of the owner or possessor to keep the weeds, grass, or nuisance greenery, cut five (5) feet back from roadway, this also by the 15th day of June, July, and August.

No person shall place or maintain any barbed wire fencing or any strands of barbed wire along the property line of or in any public street, alley, sidewalk or other public place within the platted area of the City, nor shall any person build or maintain any line fencing composed wholly or partly of barbed wire, provided, however, that it shall not be unlawful to place such barbed wire at the top of any legal fence, the lowest strand which shall not be less than six (6) feet above the ground in any platted area within the City.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction and is subject to the payment of civil fines. A complete copy of this ordinance is available at the City clerks office or on the City website at www.crystalfalls.org