



WINTER 2006

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS

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JANET HENDRICKSON IS FIRST WOMAN ELECTED AS MAYOR IN CRYSTAL FALLS !

History was in the making on November 7, 2006 when the voters cast 314 votes (47.94%) for Janet A. Hendrickson, making her the first woman ever to be elected as Mayor of the City of Crystal Falls. Janet was Mayor Pro-Tem when David Sabo resigned from his seat as Mayor in April of 2004 (Sabo had

been elected in November 2002). Upon Sabo's resignation, Janet assumed the position of Mayor until the next election - November 2006. Also on the November 2006 ballot for Mayor was Michael Koszyk who received 125 votes (19.08%). Dave Sabo ran

as a write-in candidate and received a total of 216 votes (32.98%).



Mayor Janet A. Hendrickson

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FORMER CITY EMPLOYEES OUST INCUMBENTS ON CITY COUNCIL

Jack Bicigo, former Chief of Police for the City, was the top vote getter for City Council at the November 7, 2006 General Election. With 428 votes Jack took 62.84% of the votes cast.



Councilor Jack Bicigo

Michael Smokevitch, former Power Plant Chief Operator was the next highest vote recipient with 273 votes or 40.08% of the votes cast.



Councilor Mike Smokevitch

Incumbent Jack Stachowicz received 257 votes (37.73%), and Scott Thrasher, also an incumbent, captured 238 votes (34.94%). A total of 681 of the 1197 registered voters in the City turned out to vote on November 7th, that's 56.89%.

At the November 13th meeting of the City Council, Jack and Mike were sworn in and began their duties as City Councilors.

At that same meeting, Resolutions of Recognition were adopted by the Council thanking Scott Thrasher and Jack Stachowicz for their years of service on the City Council.



WATER RATES GUSHING!

Effective with the utility bills mailed to City of Crystal Falls customers on November 30, 2006 the water rate will reflect an increase of at least \$11.00/month.

Residential customers will now pay a minimum of **\$36.00/month** for water in the City. Metered customers will pay \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons used with a minimum of \$36.00/month.

WHY?

The City will soon be entering into a loan agreement with Rural Development for 4.2 million dollars for the upcoming water project. In prepara-

tion for this project the City must show Rural Development that the rates charged to water customers are sufficient to generate enough revenue to insure the re-payment of this loan. The new rate does just that.

Eventually every home will have a water meter installed. Once the meters are in place every unit will pay \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons used with a minimum of \$36.00/month. So, you will be able to use up to 4,500 gallons of water and still pay just the minimum of \$36.00. However, if you use more



than 4,500 gallons of water you will pay more. There is no doubt that water conservation will be practiced by the residents of Crystal Falls in the very near future.

SO, when you get your bill in December please don't yell and scream at the City Clerk's office employees—they have to pay the same thing for their water and are not too happy about it either.

CALENDAR

Dec 1: 2006 Winter Tax collection begins

Dec 11: City Council meeting 5 p.m.

Dec 22—25: City offices CLOSED for the Christmas Holiday.

Dec 26: Recycle Day

Jan 1: City offices CLOSED for the

New Year Holiday.

Jan 8: City Council meeting 5 p.m.

Jan 30: Recycle Day

Feb 12: City Council meeting 5 pm

Feb 27: Recycle Day

Feb 28: 2006 TAX PAYMENTS DUE!

CRYSTAL MANOR BUILDING IS NOW THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY.

On October 24, 2006 the City Council accepted the sum of \$50,000 in exchange for immediately releasing the County of Iron, Iron County Medical Care Facility, and Iron County Dept of Human Services Board of any liability and/or responsibility to the Crystal Manor Building. An additional \$25,000 will be paid to the City by the County IF construction of a viable project for the Manor building has begun by November 1, 2007.

The agreement that these entities were released from obligated them to maintain the building until July 2007 and then to pay up to \$240,000 toward the demolition of the building.

The Manor Committee, headed by Iron County EDC coordinator, Julie Melchori, is working with potential developers toward the re-use of the building with high hopes of avoiding it's demolition.

CITY APPLIES FOR A GRANT TO PAY FOR WATER METERS

The City has applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$510,000 to pay for the purchase and installation of water meters in the residential homes throughout the City. This is fantastic news for the home owners as it was previously noted that the cost of the meters and the installations would be their responsibility. It is estimated that the average cost for a meter and installation will be about \$150—\$200 per home. The meters will be installed by a contractor into

each home beginning in April 1, 2007. All installations are expected to be completed by December 31, 2007. The meter will be installed inside the home at the entry point of the water service. A remote reader will be mounted outside for ease in collecting the meter readings each month. The details regarding the coordination of the meter installations has yet to be worked out and the City will be asking for everyone's cooperation in the undertaking of this project.





TENNIS ANYONE?

The Crystal Falls Community owes Jeff and Monica Joseph and family a HUGE THANK YOU! This past summer, Monica approached the City Council with news of the receipt of a grant from the Dickinson Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,064.00 for renovations at the Runkle Lake Park tennis courts.

Jeff Joseph is the Community Schools Tennis Coach and saw the need for improvements at the Runkle Lake facility, as well as the courts in Alpha and Amasa. Not only did the Josephs take it upon themselves to

apply for the grant money they also coordinated and did a lot of the work themselves along with the help of their children, Teal and Blake, and the City work crews at the park. Most of the work was conducted on weekends and during the evening hours, with approximately 20 hours spent patching and painting the court. New nets were purchased and installed too. But it didn't stop there—Monica applied for and received additional funds from the foundation in the amount of \$1,070.00. This money will allow for



Runkle Lake Park Tennis Courts

the purchase of benches, a practice backboard, and scorecards. There was enough paint left over from the Runkle Lake job to paint the Amasa courts. Some of the funds will also be used to provide scorecards and nets for the Alpha courts.





WATER LEAKS WILL COST YOU

Water line leaks, dripping faucets, and running toilets will cost the homeowner more once the water meters are in place throughout the City. Although the City probably won't bill based on the water meter readings until the vast majority of the meters are installed, NOW is the time to fix all those little leaks. In the chart shown here it explains how much water is wasted with small water line leaks. This chart shows the usage over a 3 month period. Based on these numbers, a 1/4" hole will use

1,181,500 gallons over a 3 month period. Based on the new water rates, that leak will cost \$3,150.72 each month that it is allowed to continue!

Dripping faucets can be very costly— a steady drip will use 5,100 gallons per month and will cost an additional \$40.80 per month. A drip that fills a 1 gallon pail in 5 minutes will result in

WASTE PER QUARTER AT 60 PSI WATER PRESSURE

Diameter of Stream	Gallons
 1/4"	1,181,500
 3/16"	666,000
 1/8"	296,000
 1/16"	74,000

A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above

8,640 gallons per month and will cost an additional \$69.12 per month.

A "Running" toilet leak can range from small to large, constant or random, and may even be silent. Fortunately most toilet leaks are relatively easy to fix. To check for a leaky toilet: Remove the tank lid—Add some food coloring or a dye tablet—After 30 minutes (without using the toilet) look in the bowl, if you see colored water, you have a leak. If the water is clear, water is not leaking from the tank to the bowl.

LOST & FOUND

DO THESE KEYS LOOK FAMILIAR? THEY WERE FOUND ON THE STEPS OF THE CITY HALL ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2006.

IF THEY BELONG TO YOU THEY CAN BE CLAIMED AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.



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CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS
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 EWTV
- 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

Ordinance No. 2.08 Prohibits Solicitation of Business on Private Property

The City of Crystal Falls Ordains: lows:

Sec 1. The practice of going in and upon private residences in the City of Crystal Falls by solicitors, peddlers, hawkers, itinerant merchants or transient peddlers of merchandise or services, not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of said private residences, for the purpose of soliciting orders for, or the sale of, goods, wares, merchandise and services, or disposing of, peddling or hawking the same, is hereby declared to be unlawful and a nuisance and is hereby prohibited.

Sec 2.

a. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a civil infraction, subject to the payment of civil fines of \$50.00 plus cost, for the first violation.

b. Any repeat offense shall be subject to increased fines, as fol-

1. First repeated offense shall be no less than \$150.00 plus costs.

2. A fine for any second repeated offense or any subsequent repeated offense shall be no less than \$250.00 plus costs.

This ordinance was originally adopted in February 1954. The only amendment was made in 1996 when the violation of the ordinance was changed from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction.

What this ordinance does is make the practice of door-to-door solicitations illegal in the City of Crystal Falls. So, if you are being bothered by such a solicitor, all you have to do is report it to the Crystal Falls Police Department, and they will rid you and your neighbors of the unwelcome pest.