**Dates to Remember**

**October 24**  
Rake for the Lake

**October 26**  
Past Due Accts Disconnected  
Open House @ LCARC 7 p.m.

**October 30**  
Utility Bills Due

**COMPOST SITE FREE**  
Open Tues 4-7 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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**Rake for the Lake!**  
Volunteer at a local park and/or Rake Your Yard!  
Saturday, October 24th  
ALL LEAVES CAN BE RAKED TO THE CURB!  
Please have all leaves to the curb by Sunday, Oct. 25th  
The City will pick up leaves for composting the week of October 26th.

A Partnership between Crystal Waters Project and the City of Lake Crystal  
Raking leaves and composting them keeps them from going into the lake and adding phosphorus...food for the algae!  
Questions or to volunteer, contact Gina Cooper, 382-7276

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**Do You Need Help With Your Bill?**

You may qualify for help with the Energy Assistance Program.

- What is energy assistance?
  - Funds to help low income households pay heating/energy bills
- What are the eligibility requirements?

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For more information or to receive and application call:  
507-345-6822  
1-800-787-7139  
Or visit our website at:  
www.mnvac.org  
Application deadline is May 31st, 2016.

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**City Commission Openings**

As of January 1, 2016 there will be openings on Commissions and Boards in the City of Lake Crystal. Interested individuals must be residents of the City and be at least 18 yrs of age.

If interested contact City Hall or go on-line to www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us for more details.  
Applications are due at City Hall by Nov. 30th!

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**LED Christmas Light Rebates Available!!**

$4.00/string of 50 lights or more.  
Forms available at City Hall or on-line.  
Receipt and UPC code required!
OPEN HOUSE
Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7 p.m.
Lake Crystal Area Rec Center
To discuss the results of the Electric Utility Rate Study

The City of Lake Crystal electric utility customers are invited to attend an open house to discuss and answer questions regarding the recently completed electric utility rate study. A public open house is scheduled on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center for the following users:

- 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Large Commercial and Industrial customers
- 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Small Commercial and Residential customers

The Lake Crystal Public Utilities Commission authorized a review of the electric rates for customers of Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities (LCMU) in early 2015. The results and recommendations that were developed in the review have been approved by the Commission, and will be implemented in 2016. The result of this action will be a “modernization” of the electric rates in Lake Crystal.

The primary changes of the modernization of the rates are as follows:

- The existing “Electric Power Cost Adjustment” feature will be eliminated. The cost of energy per kWh will no longer vary month to month.
- For Residential and Small Commercial customers, the rates will be simplified by removing the multi-step rate structure, and implementing a single rate for all energy used.
- The rate structure for the 23 largest commercial customers will be changed to include a demand charge coupled with a lower energy charge.

The overall revenues of the electric utility will be unchanged (i.e., no general rate increase). Individual customers, however, may experience generally small variations from their existing cost. In some cases, customers will see a decrease in their cost for electricity, while others will see a slight increase, depending on their level of usage and how efficiently the customer uses electricity. The rates being implemented correspond to the results of a “cost-of-service” study performed for the electric utility.

The overall goal of the modernization of rates (in addition to bringing LCMU’s rate structure closer in line with current electric industry practice) is to send the proper “signal” to customers to use energy in a way that will minimize the overall cost of purchasing power for the community’s needs. The new rate structure will work in tandem with the recently-begun Load Management program to reduce the demand charges paid to LCMU’s power supplier.

It is the intent of the Commission to closely monitor the performance of the new rates in light of the overall financial status of the electric utility, and make annual adjustments only as necessary in order to keep the utility on a solid financial footing in the future.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Utility Administrative Offices. Phone – (507) 726-2538. Office Hours – Monday through Friday – 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.