LAKE CRYSTAL UTILITIES
ENERGY NEWS

August 2016

Dates to Remember

August 24
Past Due Accounts Disconnected
August 27
LC Fire Dept Relief Assn.
Street Dance & Family Fun
August 30
Utility Bills Due
September 5
Labor Day – City Offices Closed
September 9
Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up
September 9 & 10
City Wide Garage Sale

Congratulations to the July Beat the Peak competition winners:

1st place winner - Tami Cline - 285 points - $200
2nd place winner – Mark Sanderson - 245 points - $150
3rd place winner – Jim Halvorson - 140 points - $100
Prize drawing – Jerry Lee Kopischke - $50

The top three teams at the end of July are as follows:

Zion Lutheran Church – 820 points
Holy Family Catholic Church – 625 points
Lake Crystal Lion’s Club - 355 points

The top scoring team at the end of August will receive a $500 donation from Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities.

For more information about the Beat the Peak competition please visit the following link:

http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/beatthepeak

Utility Happenings!

Have you signed up for the Residential Load Management Program yet? It’s not too late! By signing up you will receive a credit on your utility bill for the actual electric consumption for the qualifying month and help the City lower its overall peak demand which in turn helps LCMU keep rates stable.

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<th>Qualifying Electric Appliances</th>
<th>Example of Savings</th>
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<td>Central Air Conditioner - $.005/KWh June – Sept.</td>
<td>Consumption X $.005 = Credit on Utility Bill</td>
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<td>Electric Heat - $.005/KWh October – April</td>
<td>• 800 X .005 = $4.00</td>
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<td>Electric Water Heater - $.005/KWh year round</td>
<td>• 1200 X .005 = $6.00</td>
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<td>Heat Pump - $.005/KWh year round</td>
<td>• 2000 X .005 = $10.00</td>
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<td>• Monthly credit is based on your ACTUAL consumption for the qualifying month.</td>
<td>If you participated in the Central AC Program and used 1200 KWh per month you would receive a total of $24.00 in savings from June - Sept.</td>
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SIGN UP TODAY!!
Distributed Generation (DG) Rate Schedule Approved

Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities will be implementing a special DG rate schedule, which includes a system access fee coupled with a reduced kWh rate, on distributed generation facilities effective September 1, 2016. The DG rate will not apply to current distributed generation facilities or to facilities interconnected before August 1, 2016. The rate was approved by the Lake Crystal Public Utilities Commission in an effort to recover some of the fixed costs (e.g. the poles, wires, equipment and labor) associated with providing power to our customers. Typically, this fixed cost is recovered through a monthly customer per meter charge and as a portion of the kWh rate. However, because DG customers offset some or all of their energy usage, they no longer pay their fair share to maintain the grid, even though they demand as much (or more) from the grid than other customers.

The new DG rate includes a monthly system access fee of $6.40 applied per kW of installed distributed generation that exceeds 3 kW. For example, a 10kW solar array will pay a fee on 7kW (10kW – 3kW). The monthly fee in this example would be $44.80 (7kW x $6.40). This fee has a maximum of $108.80/month. Additionally, the DG customer will pay a reduced kWh rate and per meter customer charge. If you have any questions, please contact our Utility Office at (507) 726-2538 and ask for Taylor.

LC Fire Dept. Relief Assn.
Street Dance, Family Fun & Silent Auction
Saturday, August 27, 2016 at the
Lake Crystal Fire Hall
181 S Hunt St, Lake Crystal.
3 p.m. – 12 midnight food & beverages available
3-7 p.m. Family Fun with Inflatables & Water Activities
3-6 p.m. live music by Larry Shultz.
8-12midnight
Door prizes, silent auction & Street Dance featuring
"Jenae Perry and the Wild Ride"

Golf Cart Permits are REQUIRED!

To obtain a permit you will need to fill out an application and provide a copy of insurance, valid driver’s license and a $15/year fee as per Ordinance 286.

For more information or an application please visit our website at www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us or stop at City Hall.

Lawn Care Reminder

To comply with city ordinances, please remember to keep lawns less than 12 inches high, and to mow at least once every three weeks.

Depositing grass clipping and lawn debris into the street is also prohibited.