**LAKE CRYSTAL UTILITIES**
**ENERGY NEWS**

April 2017

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**Dates to Remember**

- **April 24**
  Disconnect Past Due Accounts

- **April 30**
  Utility Bills Due to Avoid Late Fees

- **May 12 and 13**
  City Wide Garage Sales

- **May 15-20**
  Spring Clean-Up

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**“Beat the Peak” Competition**

The City of Lake Crystal and Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities (LCMU) have teamed up in an attempt to reduce energy costs and consumption rates for customers in the LCMU service area in what is known as the “Beat the Peak” competition.

LCMU is conducting the Beat the Peak Competition from May 29, 2017 – September 4, 2016. The competition is a voluntary program with no associated costs for participants. Those who score the most points win cash prizes or can opt to receive their winnings in the form of credit on their monthly utility bill!

If you would like to sign up for Beat the Peak or would like more information, please call City Administrator, Taylor Gronau, at (507) 726-2538 today!

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**Lake Crystal Area Ambulance Celebrates EMS Week**

May 21 – May 27

**Upcoming Events**

- **May 21st** ~ Pancake Breakfast
  9 a.m.-1 p.m.
  LC American Legion
  Free Will Offering Accepted
  Free Blood Pressure Screening
  Cardiac Arrest Education
  Meet your local Ambulance Service Team

- **May 24th** ~ Burger Baskets
  5p.m.-9p.m.
  The Lakes Bar & Grill

Proceeds will be used to purchase a new ambulance.

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**THINKING OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR HOME?**

Whether your contractor is doing the work or you’re tackling it yourself, please check if a building permit is required. For more information and a complete list of projects that require a permit, visit [http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/planningzoning](http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/planningzoning) or call City Hall at (507) 726-2538.

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**LAKE CRYSTAL SIDEWALK & TRAIL SYSTEM SURVEY**

A community survey is available through April 26, 2017 to gain an understanding of how the citizens of the City of Lake Crystal are using the City’s sidewalks and trails system. Surveys are available at several locations including the Lake Crystal City Hall, Public Library, Recreation Center, and Area Schools. Surveys are also available online by visiting [http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/](http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/)
ORDINANCE REMINDERS

This is a reminder from the Lake Crystal Police Department about several city ordinances now that warmer temperatures have arrived. Please note that this list is summarized and if you need or would like clarification or copies of any of these or other City Ordinances, please contact City Hall or the LC Police Department.

- Chapter 93: No grass clippings blown into street
- Chapter 93: All vehicles must be functioning and currently registered if not stored indoors
- Chapter 131: Juvenile Curfew - No persons under the age of 18 allowed on city streets between midnight & 5:30am
- Chapter 92: Recreational fires shall be no larger than 3’x3’, no green matter, no hazardous substances
- Chapter 71: Vehicles parked on streets must move every 24 hours
  - No semi-trucks/trailers allowed on residential streets
  - Recreational vehicles are not allowed to park on city streets
- Chapter 90: Animals must be on a leash, owners must pick up waste, habitual barking prohibited, animals must not damage other property
- Chapter 93: Public Nuisance - no piles of refuse, no loud and annoying sounds/vibrations, noxious weeds prohibited
- Chapter 150: All buildings must have address numbers posted and visible from the road

SPRING CLEAN-UP 2017

**Compost Site Is open** - Tuesday 4pm – dusk and Saturday 9am – 4pm
Residential Loads $3.00  Commercial Loads $25.00
(NO CHARGE for Residential Loads through MAY 20)

May 15: Branches & Brush must be on the boulevard. Place Small Twigs in cardboard box or tie in a bundle.
NO FULL TREES will be picked up!!

May 20: 6:00 A.M. Waste Management to pick up the following:
Leaves, grass clippings, & garden residue must be on the boulevard. These items must be bagged.

May 20: Appliance Drop-Off located at the Compost Site: 9am – 12 noon.
- Non-Commercial Appliances accepted for a $25.00 fee per item:
  - Microwave, Dehumidifier, Water Heater/Water Softener, Stove/Oven/Dishwasher, Washer/Dryer
- Non-Commercial Appliances accepted for a $30.00 fee per item:
  - Small furnace, Window AC, Refrigerator/Freezer (Doors off)
- Electronics will be accepted for a $30.00 fee per item:
  - Laptop/Tower Computer, Desktop Copier/Fax/Printer, TV/Regular/Console/Lg. Screen, Hi-Fi/Stereo/Regular/Console, Electronic Typewriter
  - **Special – CPU, Monitor, and Keyboard together $30**
- The following will be accepted for a $6.00 fee per item: VCR/DVD, DVR.
- Accepted FREE of charge: Keyboards, Mouse, and Handheld Devices.
- **NO TIRES WILL BE COLLECTED THIS YEAR!** If you need to dispose of tires they MUST be taken to the Waste Management at 739 Beaver Ave, Mankato.

May 20: General Non-Hazardous Waste “Junk” drop off located at the Compost Site: 9am – 12 noon.
- Furniture items (Couch, Chairs, Tables, Mattresses, Box Springs, etc.)
- Small amounts of remodeling materials (siding, dried out paint cans, drywall, carpet, etc.)
- All items should be boxed or bagged or contained in some manner.
- Check the City website for a list of “Unacceptable Items”

COMPOST SITE LOCATION: from Hwy 60 take County Rd 20 north. Go over railroad tracks. Turn right at the first gravel road. Go all the way to the end of the gravel road.

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 507-726-2538.