LAKE CRYSTAL
CRYSTAL CLEAR NEWS

December 2019

WATER/SEWER SERVICE LINE
INSURANCE POLICY

Recently, many Lake Crystal residents received a letter from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) regarding insurance coverage for exterior sewer/septic line coverage. The City of Lake Crystal has partnered with SLWA to offer this coverage because repairs to service lines can be expensive and burdensome to property owners. A service line insurance policy like the one provided by SLWA will protect you in the event of needed repairs. Though SLWA is recommended by the City of Lake Crystal, we strongly encourage property owners to check with their home or property insurance provider on coverage for service lines before purchasing the SLWA product. Often times, your home or property insurance provider can provide similar coverage at a very, if not more, competitive rate. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about issues with your service lines or are considering purchasing service line coverage.

RECYCLE OLD HOLIDAY LIGHTS
IN LAKE CRYSTAL

Did you know that you can recycle your old holiday lights in Lake Crystal? This year, the City of Lake Crystal has partnered with Blue Earth County to offer a drop off location to recycle holiday lights. Residents may drop off their old, tangled and broken holiday lights from January 6th – January 10th at the following location:

Lake Crystal City Hall
100 East Robinson Street
Monday-Friday 8 am - 4 pm

More information can be found at blueearthcountymn.gov/RecycleAroundTheHolidays

Dates to Remember

December 24th @ 12 Noon & 25th
City Hall Closed

December 28th
Refuse & Recycling Pick-up

December 30th
Past Due Accounts Disconnected

Dec. 31st @ 12 Noon & Jan. 1st
City Hall Closed

January 4th
Refuse & Recycling Pick-up

January 8th
Christmas Tree Pick Up

January 20th
City Hall Closed
(In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

2020 Property Taxes

The City Council held a public hearing on December 2, 2019 to discuss the final 2020 budget and tax levy. The Council will look to adopt the budget on December 16, 2019.

The levy was increased 4.8% vs. 2019. Overall, the tax rate was reduced by 2.1%.

Most residents should see a reduction in City property taxes.
CIP REBATES

If you have purchased Holiday Lights please fill out a rebate form, a copy of the receipt and the UPC symbol are required to receive a $3 rebate per string of 50 lights.

Rebates available on LED lights and some appliances. Remember in order to qualify there must be the Energy Symbol on the box or the yellow energy guide that came with the appliance. Please submit all rebates by December 31, 2019 for purchases made in 2019.

Thank You!

Winter Parking Rules

City Code Chapter 71: Use of Highways, Streets, and the Like

§ 71.09 PARKING.

(H) Impoundment. Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street or parking lot to a garage or other place of safety when the vehicle is left unattended and constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or street improvement or maintenance operations. The vehicle shall not be released until the fees for towing and storage are paid in addition to any fine imposed for violation of this ordinance.

§ 71.12 WINTER PARKING.

No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any street or alley between November 1, and April 15 of each year so as to obstruct the removal of snow from streets during snow removal operations.

For purposes of snow removal operations these ordinances will be enforced when two inches or more of snowfall are forecast or have fallen. The City of Lake Crystal will do their best to warn residents utilizing their webpage and Facebook but it is each resident’s responsibility to keep informed of the weather and plan accordingly.

There are 2 city lots that are approved for parking during snow removal operations:

1. Parking lot at the corner of Humphrey and Murphy St (behind the hardware store)
2. Robinson Park Boat Landing

This form is a reminder for all persons that city streets need to be cleared of parked vehicles for snow removal operations. Compliance helps the City of Lake Crystal maintain clear streets and lessens chances for damages to parked vehicles to occur.

If you have questions or concerns about this notice, please contact the Lake Crystal PD at 726-2056 or City Hall at 726-2538. A link to all City Ordinances can be found at the City website at: www.lakecrystalmn.org and selecting the Government drop down list and selecting City Code & Ordinances.

Garbage Pick Up will be Saturday, Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th

Christmas Tree Pick Up – Jan. 8th

Trees must be on the curb by 6:00am on Tuesday, January 8, 2020. Please remove all lights and ornaments from the tree. Any trees wrapped in plastic will be left. Trees will be used for compost and mulch in the spring.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Would you be willing to take care of the Fire Hydrant near your residence? When it snows it would be great if residents would help keep the Fire Hydrants clear of snow so the Fire Department can access them in case of a fire.

We appreciate you help!

Lake Crystal Fire Department