February 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 17
Presidents Day
City Hall Closed

February 21
Garbage & Recycling Pick Up

February 24
Past Due Accounts are due
To Avoid Disconnection

February 28
Utility Bills Due to Avoid
Late Fees

City Information

Phone: 507-726-2538
Website: www.lakecrystalmn.org
Hours: M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
After Hours Emergency #:
507-726-2260 wait for the answering
service to pick up

Heartland Consumer Power District:
www.hcpd.com

Elections & Voter Information

One of the best ways to participate in Lake Crystal’s municipal city
government is by voting. Below is some important information on
2020 elections. More detailed information on elections can be found on
the City’s website at: https://www.lakecrystalmn.org/elections

2020 Election Dates

- March 3, 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary
- August 11, 2020 Primary Election Day
- November 3, 2020 General Election Day
- The polling place for all Lake Crystal residents is City Hall (100
  E. Robinson St.)
- Polls are open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Absentee Voting

You may vote absentee by mail or in person. 2020 absentee voting
periods are as follows:

- January 17 - March 2 (Presidential Nomination Primary)
- June 26 - August 10 (Primary Election)
- September 18 - November 2 (General Election)

More information on how and where to vote absentee is available at
the following website: www.lakecrystalmn.org/absenteevoting

Registering to Vote

Before you can vote, you must register. In Minnesota, you may pre-
register until 5 p.m. on the 21st day before Election Day or on Election
Day at your polling place. More information on registering to vote is
available at the following website:
www.lakecrystalmn.org/registeringtovote

Running for Mayor or Council

Anyone interested in running for local office (Mayor, Council), must
file for office during the designated period. The 2020 candidate filing
period opens on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and closes on Tuesday, June
2, 2020. Lake Crystal City Hall is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2020 in observance of
Memorial Day. More information on filing to run for local office is
available at the following website:
www.lakecrystalmn.org/filinginformation
KEEPS CURRENT WITH YOUR UTILITY BILLS

Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities would like to remind you to keep your utility bills current. Our policy states that any bills not paid by the 30th of the month will be charged a 10% late fee. Pending Disconnection letters are mailed and any account not paid in full by the disconnect date listed in the notice will be disconnected on that date. If arrangements are made by calling City Hall and not kept disconnection will take place the following morning at 9 a.m. It is the customer's responsibility to pay the bill by the due date. If you are disconnected a payment in full plus a $50 reconnect fee during business hours (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or $100 after business hours must be paid before your electric or water service will be reconnected.

Just a reminder that water services can be disconnected year round. Electric service can be disconnected year round unless you come to City Hall and apply for Cold Weather Rule (CWR) Protection. CWR only applies to the electric portion of your bill and requires payment arrangements that must be kept or you will be disconnected.

Bills are mailed on the 16th of the month and due the 30th.

Thank you!

Winter Parking Rules

As a reminder to prevent getting your car ticketed and towed, please read the following regulations about Lake Crystal's winter parking.

CHAPTER 71 - USE OF HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND THE LIKE

SECTION 12: WINTER PARKING.

Subdivision 1. No person shall stop, stand, or park any vehicle or permit it to stand on any street 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.

Any police officer may remove a vehicle from a street or parking lot to a garage or other place of impound when the vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic or hinders snow removal or other maintenance operations. Such vehicle shall not be released until the towing fees are paid. In addition parking tickets will need to be paid as indicated below.

FEES:
Towing Fee: $125.00, $25 per day over one day of storage.
Towing fee payable to "Maloney Enterprises" before your vehicle will be released. To retrieve your vehicle call 507-642-3543.

Parking Ticket: $127.00
Please allow 10 days from the date the citation was issued before making payment (online, phone, or regular mail).

If you have questions or concerns about this notice, please contact the Lake Crystal PD at 726-2056 or City Hall at 726-2538.