

LAKE CRYSTAL CRYSTAL CLEAR NEWS



April 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER



April 11th

Storytime at the Library @10 AM

April 20th-24th

Curbside Branch & Brush Pick-Up

April 22nd

Earth Day

April 24th

Arbor Day 3-7 PM
@ Marston Park

April 25th

Spring Clean up 8 AM- 12 PM
@Streets Department

April 30th

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

Library Information

Phone: 507-726-2726

Hours: M-F 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.



Arbor Day Celebration:



Join us Friday, April 24th, from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM for a day of community fun featuring local vendors, food trucks, and family-friendly activities located in Marston Park. Volunteer at the boat landing with the Master Gardeners of Blue Earth County and pick up a free tree and Energy Conservation Kit while supplies last.

Enjoy great food from TNT BBQ and Kate Pearls Kitchen and learn how honey and maple syrup are made from B2B Honey and J.R. Acres Pure Maple Syrup. The event will also include a white dove release and a Mayoral Proclamation.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Household Conservation Tips

- * Replace 3.5 to 5 gpf toilets with 1.6 gpf.
- * Do full loads of laundry.
- * Install aerators and flow restrictors on faucets.
- * Fill a jug of water to put in your fridge instead of running water to get it cold.
- * Shut off the water while brushing your teeth.
- * Be proactive when you find a leak. #1 cause of excessive usage is a leaky toilet. A leaky toilet can waste over 200 gallons of water per day!

Meeting Notice:

The Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet on April 28, 2026, at 9 a.m. The meeting will occur in the community room at City Hall.



**WE WANT
YOUR
OPINION!**

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN A NEW CITY PARK?
SCAN THE QR CODE TO TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS



Lake Crystal's

Spring Clean Up

2026

NO ELECTRONICS OR APPLIANCE DROP-OFF THIS YEAR

APRIL 20TH- 24TH

CURBSIDE BRANCH & BRUSH PICK-UP

PLACE SMALL TWIGS IN A BOX OR TIE IN A BUNDLE

NO FULL TREES

COMPOST SITE REOPENS 8 AM – 8 PM DAILY

YOU MAY BRING BRUSH AND BRANCHES TO THE
COMPOST YOURSELF IF YOU CHOOSE

APRIL 25TH

GENERAL NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

FURNITURE, DRIED-OUT PAINT CANS, CARPET

ALL ITEMS MUST BE BOXED OR BAGGED

LOCATED AT 132 S. LILLY ST. 8 AM-12 PM

MAY 20TH

LJP LEAF AND GRASS PICK-UP

LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, & GARDEN RESIDUE

MUST BE BAGGED & PLACED ON CURB

Spring Water Main Flushing:

The City of Lake Crystal will be flushing water mains **April 20–23, 2026**, as part of routine maintenance to help clear silt, debris, and stagnant water from the distribution system.

During this time, you may notice cloudy water or temporary low water pressure. The **water is safe to drink**, but residents should use caution when washing light-colored clothing.

This is also a good time to flush your home or business service line by running an outside hose at full flow until the water runs clear.

The Water Department does this as normal maintenance of the water distribution system to clear water lines of silt, debris, and stagnant water.

Meet Our New Staff:

We had the opportunity to ask our new police officers a few questions about what brought them to Lake Crystal, what they're enjoying so far, and their favorite Dairy Queen Blizzard!

Chief of Police Prescher:

Why Lake Crystal?

"I spent 26 years with the City of Madelia, including nearly 16 as Chief of Police, and I'm proud of what we accomplished there. When both communities faced staffing challenges, I saw an opportunity for a new chapter. I've always enjoyed Lake Crystal and wanted to bring my experience here to help build a strong department the community can trust and take pride in."

What have you enjoyed so far?

"I've really enjoyed the learning curve of working in a new county and meeting a great group of people. I've connected with residents, helped shovel driveways, and spent time in the schools getting to know staff and students."

Favorite Blizzard?

"It's Dairy Queen—what isn't a favorite? But my go-to is cookie dough. Honestly, I could eat the cookie dough by itself—but it doesn't hurt to add ice cream!"

Police Officer Bottelson:

Why Lake Crystal?

"I was recruited by Sergeant Gangelhoff, someone I had worked with before. I was also drawn to a city that takes pride in its police department, is committed to growth and excellence, and values experienced officers."

What have you enjoyed so far?

"I've always taken pride in community policing, so I've really enjoyed getting into the schools and connecting with people. It also means a lot to work for an administration that supports its officers and a leader like Chief Prescher, whom I've known and trusted for years."

Favorite Blizzard?

"Is there even such a thing as a bad Blizzard? My go-to is cookie dough... with extra cookie dough, of course."