December 2015

WATER AND SANITARY SEWER RATE CHANGES

On December 8, 2015 the Public Utilities Commission approved new water and sewer rates for Lake Crystal Utility customers. The new rates will take effect January 1, 2016 and be billed for the first time on the February 15, 2016 utility billing. Information about the new rates are below.

**Water Rates will be reduced as follows:**
The $4.00/month Water Tower surcharge is being eliminated. Water revenues are now sufficient to cover all expenses associated with the provision of water services.

**Sanitary Sewer Rates will be increased as follows:**

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A residential utility customer uses an average of 4,000 gallons/month and would experience an increase of $1.25 per month.

Copies of the new water and sanitary sewer rate schedule, along with the 2016 electric rate schedule, are available online at [http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/](http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us/) and at City Hall.
Lake Crystal Utility Billing Policy Changes

- All **new** municipal utility service accounts will be placed in the property owner’s name.
- The reconnection fee during business hours will change from $25 to $50.
- The reconnection fee after business hours will change from $50 to $100.
- For a complete copy of all the changes please stop at City Hall or visit our website at [www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us](http://www.ci.lake-crystal.mn.us).

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**Christmas Tree Pick Up – Jan. 9th**
Trees must be on the curb by 6:00am on Saturday, January 9, 2016. 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.

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**Winter Parking Rules**
ORDINANCE 229 PARKING

**SECTION 13: 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.

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: $80.16, $25 per day over one day of storage.
Towing fee payable to “Uppies Towing” before your vehicle will be released. To retrieve your vehicle call 507-726-2663.

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

Fine Info Only: 507-304-4666 (back of citation)
Courthouse Office: 507-304-4650 (back of citation)
Other options (Online, phone or regular mail):
[www.mncourts.gov](http://www.mncourts.gov) 1-800-657-3611 651-281-3219 (Metro)

Mail and make checks payable to:
MN Court Payment Center
PO Box 898
Willmar, MN 56201

**APPROVED CITY LOTS TO PARK IN DURING SNOW REMOVAL**
1. East of Park View Clinic at the corner of Humphrey & Murphy Streets.
2. East of Legacy Home Center at the corner of Prince and Lincoln Streets.
3. Robinson Park Boat Landing

The City Street & Maintenance Department in cooperation with the Lake Crystal Police Department asks for Lake Crystal residents to please park vehicles off the streets when snow removal is imminent.

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**Garbage Pick Up will be Thursday,**
**Dec. 24th and 31st!**

**EMT’s and First Responder’s NEEDED!!!**
The Lake Crystal Area Ambulance is looking for EMT’s & First Responder’s to help serve the community and surrounding area. Classes start in January.
If you are interested please contact Rhonda Ingebritson at 507-726-2440.