

THE CITY OF ROOKSTON

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WINTER 2024



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Phone: (218) 281-1232
www.Crookston.mn.us



Elected Officials:

Mayor

Dale Stainbrook: (218) 275-3684

City Council:

Kristie Jerde: 1st Ward / (218) 280-7578
Henry Fischer: 2nd Ward / (218) 280-4093
Clayton Briggs: 3rd Ward / (218) 289-4408
Donald Cavalier: 4th Ward / (218) 289-1776
Wendy Ault: 5th Ward / (701) 610-1039
Dylane Klatt: 6th Ward / (701) 740-7009
Morgan Hibma: At Large / (763) 913-1036
Tim Menard: At Large / (206) 723-6974

City Administrator

Jeff Shoobridge: (218) 281-1232

Important Phone Numbers

Building Inspections Department: (218) 281-5713
City Clerk's Office: (218) 281-4503
Charter Commission: (218) 281-1232
Crookston Municipal Airport: (218) 281-2625
Fire Department: (218) 281-4584
Finance Department: (218) 281-4503
Parks & Recreation: (218) 281-1242
Police Department: (218) 281-3111
Polk County Museum: (218) 281-2950
Public Works: (218) 281-1232
Water Department: (218) 281-5711

City Board & Commissions Meetings:

Monthly meetings unless noted.

Dates and times are subject to change.

- City Council: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month – 5:30pm
- Park Board: 3rd Monday of each month – 4:45pm
- Planning Commission Meeting – Third Tuesday of each month – 7:00pm
- Ways & Means Committee Meeting: 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - following city council meetings unless stated otherwise
- Economic Development Association Meeting: Last Tuesday of each month – 7:00am
- Charter Commission - Annually

City Council Meeting Viewing:

All City Council meetings are available for viewing on Channel 3 as well as livestreamed on the City of Crookston YouTube page. The City of Crookston YouTube page will also post the full recording of all City Council Meetings. All meetings are open to the public.

- Truth in Taxation – December 9th

City Offices Closed:

- December 25th – Christmas Day
- January 1st – New Year's Day
- January 20th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 17th – Presidents Day





Public Safety

Crookston Police Department

It's hard to believe how fast the year has gone by. It has been a very busy but rewarding year for the Crookston Police Department. We had the privilege of participating in or hosting multiple successful community outreach programs again this year such as Safety Town, Night to Unite, Ox Cart, and the most recent was the 37th Annual Halloween Food Drive Through.

37th Annual Halloween Food Drive Through

The Halloween Food Drive Through was another huge success this year.

This event is co-sponsored by the Crookston Police Department and the Crookston High School Leo Club and took place on Halloween night, Thursday October 31st from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm at the west parking lot of the Crookston High School.



We gave away approximately 100 lbs of candy (or about 200 bags of candy) and raised approximately 1100 lbs of food for the Care and Share food shelf.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped organize the event and to everyone who donated food!

School Speed Zones

As winter nears and the streets become ice and snow covered, it is especially important that motorists remember to follow the designated speed limits in the school zones at our public and private schools throughout the city.

A school zone is a section of road next to a public or private school property where children may enter the roadway.

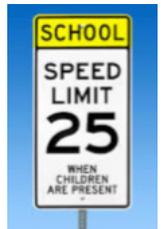
The most notable school zones are located at Highland Elementary School and Crookston High School.

These school zones are identified by signs with LED flashing lights that display the reduced speed limit in the designated school zones.

The speed limit in the Highland Elementary School zone is 20 mph and 25 mph in the Crookston High School zone.

The fine for exceeding the speed limit in a school zone may be up to double that of an ordinary fine for exceeding the speed limit on the same roadway.

Please be extra cautious and allow yourself extra time when traveling through school speed zones.



We invite the residents to contact the Crookston Police Department at 218-281-3111 with any comments or concerns they may have.



School Resource Officer

Officer Cody Bannert was selected as our next School Resource Officer.

Officer Bannert started his career in 2019 as a Police Officer in Roseau, MN before becoming a Police Officer with the City of Crookston in July of 2020.

Officer Bannert is married and has a one-and-a-half-year-old child.

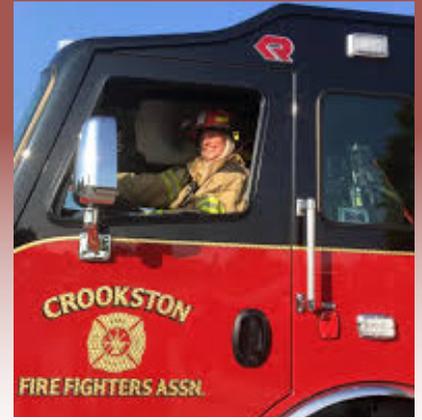
Officer Bannert has approximately five (5) years of law enforcement experience and has completed specific training related to the School Resource Officer position.

Congratulations Officer Bannert!!



Like us on Facebook!





Winter Fire Safety

Did you know?

- Most home fires occur in the winter and peak in January.
- Each year in the United States there is more than \$2 billion in property loss due to winter home fires.
- Last year in Minnesota, 39 percent of fire deaths occurred in October, November and December.

Freeze Out Winter Fire

- Keep all doors and windows that could be used for an escape route clear of snow and ice.
- Keep all vents — fireplace, dryer, furnace and oven — clear of snow, ice and debris.
- Never use a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes.
- Use flashlights, not candles, if you lose power.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from heat sources; do not use your oven to heat your home.

Driving Safety

Tips

- Avoid unnecessary travel if conditions are too poor.
- If you get stranded, stay in the vehicle.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as ice and snow.
- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, hood, headlights, brake lights and directional signals.



Winter Driving

- Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- If you start to skid, remain calm, ease foot off the gas and turn the steering wheel in the direction you want the front of the vehicle to go.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.

Heating

Did you know?

- In Minnesota 60% of heating fires in 2022 started in a fireplace or chimney.
- Consider replacing older space heaters with new ones that turn off automatically when overheated or tipped.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire in a fireplace.



Heating continued

Heating Safety

- Keep portable heaters three feet from anything flammable.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have your home heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.
- Make sure your wood stove is properly installed and ventilated.

Cooking Safety

Did you know?

- Last year in Minnesota the leading cause of structure fires was cooking.
- Cooking fires caused nearly \$6 million in damage last year in Minnesota.
- The top two factors last year in cooking fires were unattended equipment and combustibles too close to a heat source.



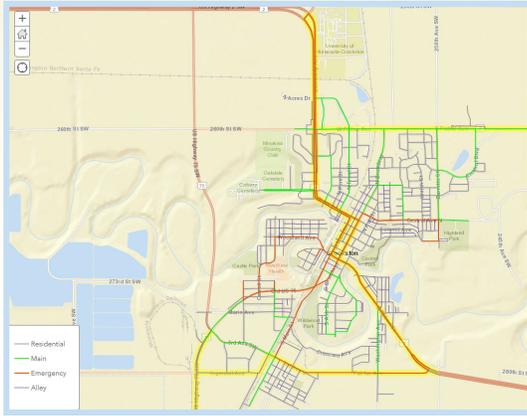
Prevent Cooking Fires

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- If you leave the room, turn off the stove and move the pan from the burner.
- Keep things that can burn — oven mitts, towels, and wooden spoons — three feet from the stove.
- Keep outdoor fryers a safe distance from structures, off wooden decks and away from trees.



Public Works

Snow Removal Map



Order of snow cleaning priority:

- o Emergency routes (once we can keep the emergency routes clear we move on to Main Routes and so on)
- o Main routes
- o Residential
- o Alley ways

Calendar Parking Policy Reminder

Starting November 14 through April 1, the Calendar Parking Rules will be in effect. Here's what you need to know:

- **Even-Numbered Days (1 AM to 7 AM):** No parking on the side of any street with **even-numbered addresses.**
- **Odd-Numbered Days (1 AM to 7 AM):** No parking on the side of any street with **odd-numbered addresses.**

Please note: Calendar parking does not apply to downtown streets as described in City Code.

Make sure to follow these guidelines to avoid citations and to help us keep streets clear for snow removal and emergency access.

Snow Removal Tips

- **Clear Sidewalks Adjacent to your Home** - Property owners are responsible for clearing snow/ice on sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours.
- **Do Not Put Snow on Roadways** - Minnesota statutes and City ordinances prohibit plowing, shoveling, blowing, or placing snow on to public roadways.
- **Shovel Around Hydrants** - Keep a path to and around the hydrants open for fire safety.
- **Install Sturdy Mailboxes** - Mailboxes should be sturdy enough to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow. If damage occurs due to snow hitting a box, the City is not responsible for repairs. Only when there is direct impact by a snowplow will the City repair/replace mailboxes. Maximum compensation for mailbox repairs is set by the City Council.
- **Keep a Clear Area 'Upstream' of your Driveway** - By keeping a clear area 'upstream' of your driveway, snow coming off of the plow will be deposited there, rather than in your driveway.

Snow Removal

In a typical snowstorm, the snow crew made up of around 6 people working at night and early in the morning begins plowing and removing snow using various equipment, including snowplow trucks, dump trucks, light trucks, wheel loaders, and skid steers.

Work starts on emergency routes, priority routes/main routes, and then moves into neighborhoods, cul-de-sacs, alleys, parking lots, and sidewalks/trails.

Streets will be plowed or sanded after accumulations of 3" or more of snow, drifting that causes problems for travel, or icy conditions that seriously affect travel. Please attempt to park vehicles off the roadway during snow events so that the streets may be more efficiently plowed.

Streets will be sanded in this order:

1. Intersections with traffic controls such as stop signs and signal lights.
2. Hills and curves. (Generally, only controlled intersections and hill areas will be sanded due to limited resources.)

Snow Emergency Ordinance

- (A) The Public Works Director may declare a snow emergency in the city. The emergency shall be declared by 4:00 p.m. and shall take effect later that same evening at 12:00 midnight. The snow emergency shall continue to be in effect for 24 hours.
- (B) A declaration of extension is made by communicating the same in the manner provided for the initial declaration. Failure to effectively communicate shall not invalidate the extension.
- (C) Notice of the declaration of a snow emergency shall be given by notifying the local news media; however, the notification shall be a service right only and not a duty on the part of city officials.
- (D) During a declared snow emergency, it is unlawful to park or leave standing any motor vehicle on the side of any street or alleyway in the city, except as otherwise posted.
- (E) During a declared snow emergency, any police officer is authorized to have a motor vehicle which is parked in violation of this section removed at the owner's expense.

Winter Parking

- Residents are urged to help keep streets clean by parking on streets after they have been plowed curb-to-curb.
- After heavy snow, wind, or significant icing, the City may declare a snow emergency.
- Snow emergencies are declared before 4:00 pm and are effective between midnight and 7:00 am.
- During a declared snow emergency, no on-street parking is allowed, and the police department may remove vehicles (at the owner's expense) that are parked in violation of the snow emergency.

Downtown Snow Removal Operations:

To maintain safety and accessibility downtown, snow removal will occur when accumulated snow piles create hazardous conditions or when no boulevard is available for snow storage.

Snow removal will follow this schedule:

- **North-South streets:** Cleared from 12 midnight to 8 AM on **Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.**
- **East-West streets:** Cleared from 12 midnight to 8 AM on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays.**

Please avoid parking on these streets during the designated times to allow for efficient snow removal.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep Crookston safe and clear this winter season!

Service Line Material Inventory

The City of Crookston has completed and submitted our service line materials inventory to the Minnesota Department of Health.

The service line inventory is publicly available, and you can check the materials for your service line by visiting the Lead Inventory Tracking Tool (LITT) through the link below.

As of August 27th, 2024, our inventory contains 3 lead, 11 galvanized requiring replacement, 1768 unknown materials, and 1202 non-lead service lines. <https://maps.umn.edu/LSL/>





Building Department

Permits

- Permits are required when construction, enlargement, or repair of buildings/structures occur and/or mechanical, plumbing installs/upgrades occur. Most common types:
- **Flat Fee Permits of \$25.00** include:
 - Curb Cut (also requires separate charge for Public Works curb cutting/concrete sawing at a minimum fee of \$300 up to 50 feet, plus \$4 each additional foot)
 - Demolition (Residential & Commercial)
- **Flat Fee Permits of \$50.00** include:
 - Fencing
 - House Moving
 - Signs
- **Valuation Fee Permits** are determined by all labor and material costs of all construction as per fee schedule's associated cost range, and include:
 - Commercial
 - Residential
 - Mechanical (except HVAC equipment change-out) (Mechanical Application Permit form online)
 - Plumbing (Plumbing Application Permit form online)
- **City of Crookston 2024 Annual Fee Schedule** (full list):

- <https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/814/2023-Building-Fee-Schedule?bidId=>

Building Dept Webpage links – located on the City of Crookston website

- Residential Application for Permit
<https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/815/Residential-Building-Permit-PDF-Fillable?bidId=>
- Commercial Application for Permits
<https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/816/Commercial-Building-Permit-PDF--Fillable?bidId=>
- Fencing Application for Permit (with dimensioning and further requirements listed)
<https://www.crookston.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/926/Fence-Building-Permit-PDF>



Golden Link Before



Crookston Housing & Economic Development Authority

The **Storefront Revitalization Program** still has funding, and we are encouraging businesses to apply! The grant will fund up to \$5,000 for exterior storefront improvements with a 25% applicant match or up to \$1,000 in paint & signage with no match required. Contact Jennifer Hecht at (218)470-2000, or jhecht@crookstonheda.com for more information or to request an application.



Golden Link After



Parks & Recreation

Hockey Tournaments - Crookston Sports Center

- o Bantam B1 & B2 December 7-8, 2024
- o PeeWee A & 12UA December 14-15, 2024
- o Crookston Mite & Girls 8U Jamboree January 4, 2024
- o 10UA & 10UB January 11 - 12, 2025
- o SQA & SQB January 11-12, 2025



Fall & Winter Fun Finder

- Activities for Kids 3 & Older
- Volleyball Skills & Drills for 3rd-5th Grade Girls
- Travel Volleyball for 5th & 6th Grade Girls
- Figure Skating for ages 3 to 18 years of age
- Hockey for ages 3 and older
- Wrestling for Prek-6th grade + more!

Adult Leagues

- CoEd Turf Volleyball
- Adult Women's Winter Volleyball League
- Pickleball League
- Men's Hockey league

Crookston Sports Center

- Special Event Rentals
- Turf Rental
- Sports Floor Rental
- Ice Rental
- Room Rental
- Walking Membership

Call 218-281-1242 for more information



Crookston Community Pool

Crookston Community Pool Winter Hours (November 4-December 27th)

Mon-Fri: 6-10am (Open Swim/Lap)

Mon-Fri: 9-10am (Aqua Aerobics)

Sat: 1-5pm (Open Swim/Lap)

Group Swim Lessons:

November 11th-21st

Session 5: 5-5:30pm

Session 6: 5:30-6pm

December 2nd-12th

Session 7: 5-5:30pm

Session 8: 5:30-6pm

Cost: \$70

Register online:

<https://www.crookston.mn.us/261/Activity-Registration>

Cost

\$5/person: Open Swim

\$5/person: Aqua Aerobics

\$5/person: Lap Swim

\$36/Month: Aqua & Lap Membership

Ph: 218-281-1242





Crookston Public Library / A Branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library

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Find endless entertainment options at the Crookston Public Library! The library offers access to a collection of over one million books, movies and other educational and entertainment items, including magazines and research tools.

Library cards are free to Polk County residents and an online signup form can be found at larl.org/applyonline.

Family Resource Center

The Crookston Public Library also serves as host to the Crookston Family Resource Center, which is the result of a partnership between Polk County Family Resources and the Crookston Public Library bringing community resources together to meet needs related to mental health, social services, career opportunities, early childhood development and more, all in one location.

Partnering organizations include Career Force, Alluma, Polk County Social Services, School District ISD 593, Polk County Public Health, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council and more.



Events for Everyone

The library offers a number of free events, including weekly Storytimes, which are held Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Baby Bounce, which is held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. The library also offers a monthly book club and a regular calendar of author visits, musical performances, informational presentations and more. A full list of events can be found at larl.org/events.

Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Help your child develop exceptional reading skills by bringing them to Storytime. Each week, we explore different themes with stories, songs, rhymes, flannel boards, special guests and more! Storytime typically lasts for 45 minutes and is geared for children ages 3-6, although children of all ages are welcome to join the fun.

Baby Bounce

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Join us on Tuesday mornings for songs, stories, and action poems for infants through preschoolers and their caregivers. Don't miss this weekly family literacy event! This program runs 30-45 minutes including community with other caregivers and playtime.

Visit larl.org/crookston for more information!





Polk County Public Health WINTER WELLNESS

As the colder season approaches, Polk County Public Health (PCPH) is committed to supporting our community's health and well-being. Winter can bring unique challenges, from the flu and other seasonal illnesses to winter storms and shorter daylight hours. With these in mind, we're here to help you and your family stay healthy, safe, and prepared.

Here are some resources and tips to guide you through the season:

Indoor Winter Safety: Radon and Carbon Monoxide

During winter, we spend more time indoors with our windows closed, so it's important to protect against hidden hazards like radon and carbon monoxide.

- **Radon:** Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that comes from soil and can accumulate in homes, especially during winter when ventilation is reduced. Prolonged radon exposure can damage the lungs and may lead to lung cancer. Testing is the only way to detect radon. Polk County Public Health (PCPH) offers free radon test kits at our East Grand Forks, Crookston, and McIntosh offices.
- **Carbon Monoxide (CO):** Carbon monoxide, another invisible gas, is produced by burning fuel in appliances or vehicles and can be deadly in high amounts. Use a CO detector, check its batteries regularly, and ensure heating systems are well-maintained.

Respiratory Illness Prevention

With winter comes a higher risk of respiratory illnesses, including flu, RSV, and COVID. PCPH encourages everyone to take proactive measures to stay healthy:

- **Get Vaccinated:** The RSV, flu and COVID vaccines are effective tools in reducing risk of severe illness and protecting vulnerable members of the community, such as young children and older adults. Contact your primary care provider or local pharmacy to schedule your vaccine appointment.
- **Practice Good Hygiene:** Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching your face.
- **Stay Home When Sick:** Resting at home when feeling unwell helps you heal faster and helps prevent spreading illness.

Community Health Children's Dental Services Clinics

Regular dental visits are essential to prevent cavities and maintain strong teeth and overall health. Yet, finding a dentist can be challenging. Polk County Public Health partners with Children's Dental Services (CDS), a non-profit dental health clinic, to bring accessible dental care directly to our community. Each month, CDS provides dental hygiene services at our Crookston and East Grand Forks offices on a rotating basis, offering care to individuals of ALL AGES. CDS accepts Medical Assistance and offers an income-based



3 1/2 out of 5 Polk County homes have high radon levels.

Polk County Public Health has free test kits available, stop by one of our offices to pick one up.



sliding scale for qualifying families.

For clinic dates, locations, and to make an appointment, please call 612-746-1530 or 866-543-6009.

Emergency Preparedness

Snowstorms and power outages can happen unexpectedly. PCPH encourages families to have an emergency kit stocked with essentials such as flashlights, batteries, water, and blankets. Stay informed during winter weather events by signing up for Polk County's Emergency Alert Program- Everbridge. Visit the *Polk County Emergency Management* website to sign-up: <https://www.co.polk.mn.us/327/Emergency-Management>

Winter Activity and Mental Health Resources

Winter is a wonderful time to get outside and stay active, which can boost your mood and support mental well-being. Activities like walking, snowshoeing, or even building a snowman can be enjoyable ways to get fresh air and exercise.

Winter's shorter days can sometimes lead to feelings of isolation. If you or a family member are struggling with mental health challenges, support is available. Don't hesitate to reach out—call or text 988, the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, for immediate help and resources.

For more information on these resources or other public health programs, contact Polk County Public Health at 218-281-3385 or visit our website: <https://www.co.polk.mn.us/191/Public-Health>

Stay warm, stay safe, and make this winter a healthy one!





Jolt & Jive

- Crookston's Weekly Power-Up Coffee Conversations
- What? Informal coffee conversations.
- Why? To continue the momentum our community started at the library during the "I Love Crookston" event where over 100 folks came to tell their story and express what they wanted in Crookston's future.
- Every Thursday at 8am at The Cove Youth Center.

Community Voice Mobile App

- Community Voice is an innovative mobile app that serves as a communication tool for communities. It has recently launched in Crookston and is paid for by the Crookston Visitor's Bureau so there is no cost to the end-users or businesses. It did not come out of city tax dollars. The City of Crookston will be using the app in a variety of ways including using the text feature to text residents regarding essential communication for the community.
- App users can set their preferences to see what events are happening up to 100 miles around the community and set preferences for types of events shown. End-users can search services, businesses, facilities, events, and resources for Crookston to find what they need, and they can 'opt in for notifications' from area businesses and organizations.
- Community Voice also provides a user-friendly web application for community administrators and business owners to edit content, photos, and more. Business owners should download the app, use the search feature to find their business and verify the content is listed and accurate. They are also encouraged to 'claim their business' in the app to be able to control their listing. Businesses can add their events into the app by 'claiming their business'.

- If you want to know what is going on in Crookston and neighboring communities, download the Community Voice mobile app on iOS and Android. Search "Community Voice" in your phone's app store. It is completely free to download, and they don't ask for any payment information.
- Download today on iOS and Android



**To download:
Scan the QR code with
your phone camera**



[HTTPS://COMMUNITYVOICE.APP](https://communityvoice.app)





Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc

Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid Partners with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. to Highlight the Importance of Community Action

“Viewpoint,” the educational program hosted by Dennis Quaid, is excited to announce a collaboration with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council for an upcoming episode that will emphasize the critical role of Community Action. This important segment will highlight Tri-Valley’s dedication to local volunteer work, advocacy, and support for groups, families, and individuals in need. Filming is set to take place later in 2024, featuring key members of Tri-Valley’s team.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. is a Community Action agency committed to reducing poverty, strengthening families, and building stronger communities in the areas served by Tri-Valley. Through various programs and initiatives, Tri-Valley provides essential services that empower individuals and families to achieve greater self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

The piece will guide viewers through an in-depth look at how Tri-Valley mobilizes state, federal, and local resources and volunteers to create meaningful change and support those in need.

In this upcoming episode, “Viewpoint” will explore the impactful work of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, showcasing the organization’s efforts in community development, education, housing, and health services. The piece will guide viewers through an in-depth look at how Tri-Valley mobilizes state, federal, and local resources and volunteers to create meaningful change and support those in need.

Key members of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council’s team, along with volunteers and beneficiaries of their programs, will share their experiences and perspectives on the positive impact of Community Action. The episode will delve into various initiatives, including early childhood programming, housing, programs for seniors,



community services, and transportation, demonstrating Tri-Valley’s comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of the community.

Tri-Valley CEO, Jason Carlson, stated, “we couldn’t be more excited to have the opportunity to work with Viewpoint and shine a light on the needs of our communities along with the dedicated people who help meet those needs.”

The segment will also highlight the importance of advocacy in ensuring that the voices of underserved populations are heard and their needs are met. By showcasing Tri-Valley’s advocacy efforts, the episode aims to inspire viewers to get involved in their communities and support initiatives that promote social justice and equity.

Scheduled for distribution later in 2024, this episode of “Viewpoint” seeks to educate and inspire audiences by highlighting the power of Community Action and volunteerism. By featuring the exemplary work of Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, the program aims to raise awareness about the importance of local support systems and the positive ripple effects they create within communities.

About Viewpoint: “Viewpoint” is an educational television series hosted by Dennis Quaid, dedicated to exploring a wide range of topics that impact our world. Through compelling storytelling and expert insights, the program aims to educate and inspire audiences by delving into important issues and innovative solutions.

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Get Kids Outdoors

Building on Adam Parnow's passion for outdoor recreation, we create his legacy, through opportunities for children of all ages to experience and enjoy outdoor activities.

Throughout the day, the kids will learn to set up fish houses, fish, win door prizes, meet new friends, and, most importantly, have FUN!

Look for free fishing opportunities this winter!

Mission Statement:

Providing outdoor recreational activities for youth. When exposed to the thrill and excitement of these events, kids will be inspired and share these lifelong learning experiences with others.

Get Kids Outdoors has recently purchased a new skid house and will be placing it on the Red Lake River near Central Park in Crookston. Families with youth will be able to reserve it and experience ice fishing at no charge!

2nd Annual Get Kids Outdoors Fishing

Saturday, February 1st, 2025

Reservations will be done through Ace Hardware in Crookston with options to rent for a half day or a whole day with all supplies included such as bait and fishing rods.

Adam loved ice fishing and taking kids fishing. Our mission is to help kids who don't otherwise have the opportunity to learn to fish. On February 1, 2025, we will hold our second annual event for kids who haven't had the opportunity to go ice fishing.

Be sure to check out the Get Kids Outdoors Facebook page!





The United Way of Crookston has a lot going on this winter, we want to invite the whole community to participate!

November 14th - Hugo's Taste of the Holidays
November 26th - UW Trivia Night @ Scobey's
December 1st - 7th - UW Online Holiday Auction
January 19th - 25th - Crookston Dine Out Week
February - Washington School's Feed the Bear Fundraiser

The United Way of Crookston helps fund more than twenty life-changing agencies and programs throughout the Crookston community. We help provide educational support, address food insecurity, volunteerism, job training, hospice care and caregiver support for anyone who may need a helping hand. Check out our website at www.unitedwayofcrookston.org for more information about our programs and events!

Questions about donating or the programs we fund?
 Contact us via telephone at 218-281-1715 or message us on Facebook!







Riverview Health

Illness doesn't follow a 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday schedule. That's why Riverview Health offers extended weekday and weekend hours at its Crookston Clinic.

Sick on the weekend? You don't have to wait for Monday; Riverview Clinic - Crookston is open from 9 am to 1 pm on the weekends. Feeling under the weather but can't get away during the school or work day? Riverview Clinic - Crookston is open from 7 am to 7 pm during the week. Riverview's Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging Departments are available 24 hours a day should you need lab work or a scan.

If you feel like there aren't enough hours in a day to get everything done, don't worry. We've added hours to our day to help keep you and your family healthy.

To schedule an appointment at Riverview Clinic - Crookston, call 281.9595.



Care and Share Crookston

Care and Share of Crookston Partners with Riverview Recovery Center to Tackle the Opioid Crisis

Exciting News for Polk County!

We're pleased to announce that Care and Share of Crookston, Inc. has entered an important new partnership with Riverview Recovery Center (RRC) to address the opioid epidemic in our community. This partnership, made possible by the Polk County Opioid Settlement Fund, will provide vital support for individuals facing substance use disorders, particularly those living at Care and Share's main shelter and The Hope Center.

What Does This Partnership Mean?

With the generous support from the Polk County Opioid Settlement Fund, Care and Share and Riverview Recovery Center are launching new programs focused on prevention, treatment, and harm reduction. These services will include:

- **Addiction Treatment & Counseling:** Both individual and group therapy sessions designed to support recovery.
- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT):** Offering proven treatments that can help manage opioid addiction.
- **Harm Reduction Workshops:** Education on safe practices, overdose prevention, and distribution of naloxone (Narcan).
- **Substance Abuse Education:** Programs aimed at preventing addiction before it starts and fostering a healthier community.

These services will be available to the most vulnerable members of our community—those staying in our shelter programs and at The Hope Center.

Why This Partnership Matters

As the opioid epidemic continues to affect communities across the country, local solutions are more critical than ever. This new partnership is a direct response to the need for comprehensive care that spans from prevention to recovery. By combining Riverview Recovery Center's expertise in addiction treatment with Care and Share's commitment to community support, we're creating a holistic approach to help individuals at every stage of their recovery journey.

A Word from Our Partners

"We're thrilled to partner with Care and Share to bring these essential services to Crookston," says Leane LaFrance, MSML, LADC, Director of Riverview Recovery Center. "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to supporting individuals on their path to healing and long-term recovery."

How This Will Help the Community

The Polk County Opioid Settlement Fund has given us the resources to launch these critical initiatives, and we're deeply grateful for the funding and support from the Polk County Board of Commissioners and the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council.

Together, Care and Share and Riverview Recovery Center will provide personalized, compassionate care to those most in need. We're excited about the positive impact this partnership will have on our community, creating a healthier, safer, and more resilient Crookston for everyone.

Get Involved or Learn More

We invite you to stay connected with us as we roll out these new services. If you have questions about the Opioid Epidemic Response Grant or would like to learn more about how you can support these efforts, please reach out to Executive Director, Carolina Diaz, at 218-281-2644.

Together, we can make a lasting difference in the fight against the opioid epidemic and build a brighter future for those affected by addiction.



Prairie Skyline Foundation

Restoration of Historic Crookston Cathedral Moves Forward with Community Art Center Plans

The Prairie Skyline Foundation (PSF) is advancing a \$1.75 million restoration of the historic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston, MN, aiming to transform it into the “Young at Hart Community Center.” Built in 1912, the Cathedral with its iconic three spires is a symbol of Crookston’s immigrant roots and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1998.

PSF’s phased restoration plan focuses first on securing the building’s structure and roofs, which is 80% complete followed by interior updates like accessible entrances, plumbing, and electrical work. The final phase will add art stations and theater spaces. Once open, the center will offer diverse creative spaces, including areas for ceramics, painting, music, and will have a subtle mental health focus. Community involvement is central, with local university interns and mental health professionals supporting programming.

Crookston’s City Council and local organizations are backing the project, which promises a renewed sense of community pride and heritage preservation for Northwest Minnesota.

Right now, we are offering free art classes on Saturday mornings with help from the Crookston Community Foundation. There is still room for more middle school kids. We are involved in the “Jolt & Jive” movement which plans community events and works to improve communication. In November at PSF’s annual meeting, we are inviting artists to attend to find out their needs and see if we may assist with coordination and grant writing. We will be encouraging public art like the Wheat Statues at Riverview Hospital; watch for a forthcoming survey! We will continue with the huge bubbles at Night to Unite and OxCart Days. We accept good used items for our two rummage sales, and of course we will be writing grants throughout the year. Anyone who wants to become a donor, member, or volunteer, please contact Kay Hegge, Board Chair at khegge@gmail.com.

Toys For Tots!

Starting Monday, November 25th, The City of Crookston will have a sign-up sheet located in City Hall for recipients of Toys for Tots. Names will be taken through Thursday, December 19th.

Recipients must be 14 years of age or younger and must live in city limits.

All presents will be wrapped and delivered the morning of Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) between 8am - 12pm.

Donations are also accepted. To make a donation, stop by City Hall or mail your donation to Crookston Water Department at 124 North Broadway, Crookston, MN 56716.



Downtown Crookston Development Partnership



November 25th – The Book of Life: Free showing at The Grand Theatre

Free December Movie – Check out Downtown Crookston Development Partnership Facebook page for updates.

January kicks off Movies at the Grand, a monthly free event from January to April.

Be sure to follow DCDP on Facebook for more information.



CROOKSTON EVENTS



All these events and more can be found on the **Community Voice Mobile App**. Be sure to download today on iOS and Android.

Pickleball weekly at the Wellness Center UMC - see why Pickleball is the nation's fastest growing sport for all ages. Wednesday 4-6pm, Saturday 10-noon, Sunday 2-4pm. The Crookston pickleball club has rackets to use for beginners!



University of Minnesota Crookston



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Santa Land at University of Minnesota Crookston

- The Crookston Student Association Presents: Santaland for the children of the Crookston community
- December 7th – Sargeant Student Center – 2900 University Ave
- 1pm-4pm: Santa Claus Photo Booth / Delicious Treats & Drinks / Games / Holiday Crafts
- 4pm: Movie showing of The Polar Express
- Ho-Ho-Hope to see you there

Winter Sports - <https://goldeneaglesports.com/>

Free Curling League

- January 15th – February 12th
- Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Crookston Sports Center
- Brought to you by the U of M Crookston Office of Outreach & Engagement



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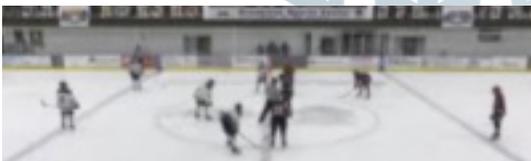
United Way of Crookston

- o October – Hamilton
- o November – The Book of Life
- o December – to be determined
- Be sure to check out DCDP on Facebook for updates



Hockey Tournaments - Crookston Sports Center

- o **October 7th-13th**
- o Bantam B1 & B2 December 7-8, 2024
- o PeeWee A & 12UA December 14-15, 2024
- o Crookston Mite & Girls 8U Jamboree January 4, 2024
- o 10UA & 10UB January 11 - 12, 2025
- o SQA & SQB January 11-12, 2025



Crookston Winter Wonderland

- o Late November / Early December
- o Be sure to check out the Crookston Visitors Bureau Facebook group for further details.



2nd Annual Get Kids Outdoors Fishing



- o Saturday, February 1st, 2025
- o Adam loved ice fishing and taking kids fishing. Our mission is to help kids who don't otherwise have the opportunity to learn to fish. On February 1, 2025, we will hold our second annual event for kids who haven't had the opportunity to go ice fishing.
- o Throughout the day, the kids will learn to set up fish houses, fish, win door prizes, meet new friends, and, most importantly, have FUN!

Ice Buster Daze Fishing Derby

- o February 2024
- o This annual fishing tournament is held on the Red Lake River in Crookston's Central Park and features snowmobile radar runs, bikini radar run for charity, prizes and dinner afterward at the Crookston Eagles Club.
- o For more information go to Seasons Ice Buster Daze Facebook page.



Crookston Figure Skating Club Dreams on Ice Skating Show

- o March 2025
- o This well-choreographed program features approximately 100 skaters ages 2-18.
- o With a different theme each year, this event features the talent of our local youth and provides an affordable few hours of entertainment for the entire family.



CYBA Tournament

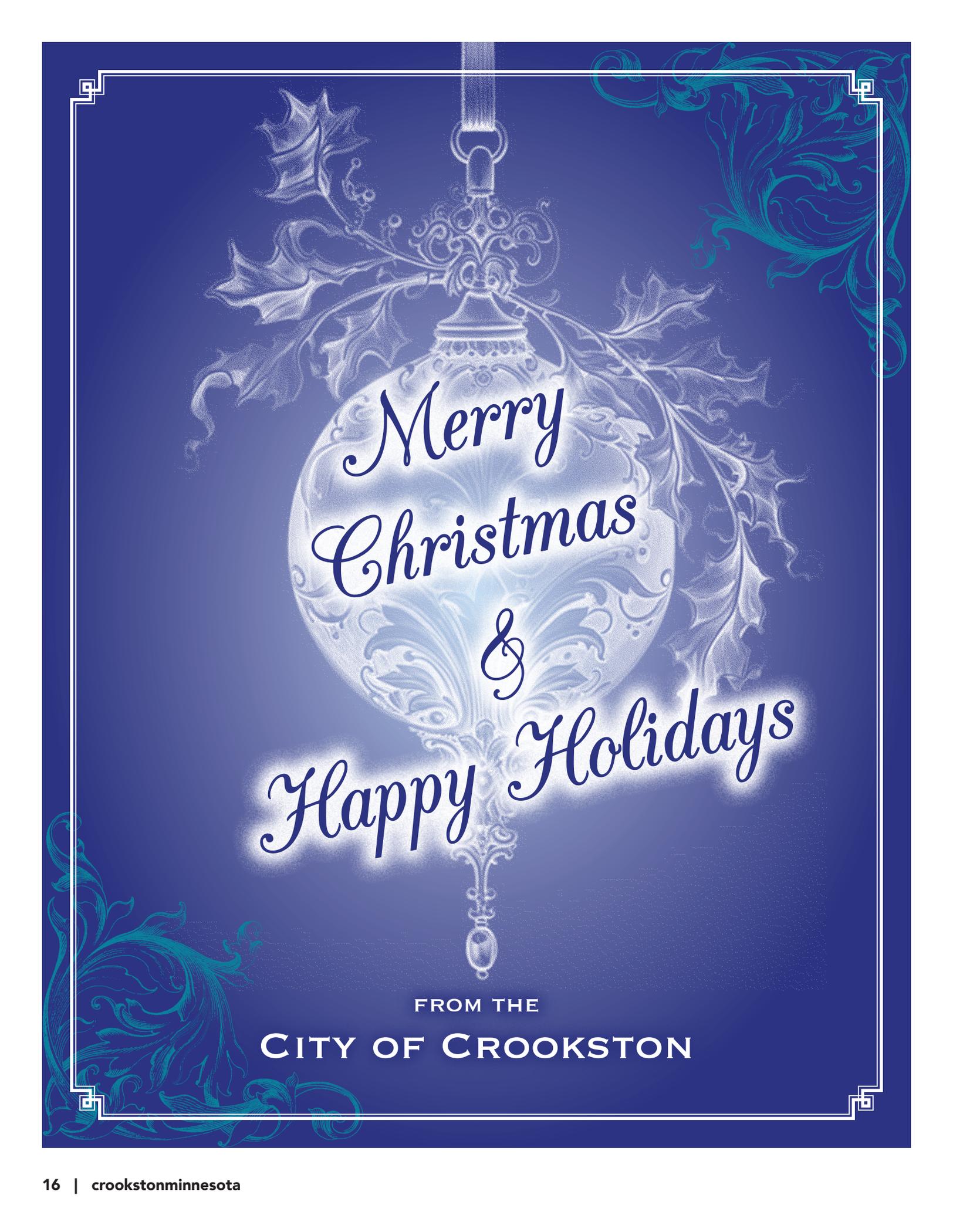


- o March 2025
- o This ever-growing event brings 3,000 people to Crookston each year. The 126-team tournament features boys and girls from 3rd grade to 8th grade competing on 10 courts in 5 different locations throughout Crookston.

Crookston Gun & Sport Show

- o March 15th – 16th, 2025
- o The Crookston Gun & Sport Show will be held next on Mar 15th-16th, 2025 with additional shows on Nov 1st-2nd, 2025, in Crookston, MN.
- o This Crookston gun show is held at Crookston National Guard Army and hosted by Crookston Gun & Sport Show & F'n' A Gun & Sports Show.





*Merry
Christmas
&
Happy Holidays*

FROM THE
CITY OF CROOKSTON