

## Crystal village meeting is set for Wednesday evening

BY ELISABETH WALDON  
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER

**CRYSTAL TOWNSHIP** — An informative meeting on the proposed village of Crystal Lake will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Crystal Elementary School.

State Rep. Judy Emmons, R- Sheridan, is expected to attend, along with Michigan Municipal League General Counsel William Mathewson, Montcalm Alliance Executive Director Franz Mogdis, Howard City Village President S. Michael Scott and representatives from the villages of Gun Lake and Lake Isabella.

Les Morford will serve as moderator of the meeting. The proposed village is headed for a Nov. 7 vote after the State Boundary Commission on Aug. 17 unanimously approved legal sufficiency of a referendum petition for incorporating the village. Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Director Robert Swanson signed an order June 19 allowing the village incorporation process to move forward unless a valid petition for a referendum was filed with the Boundary Commission.

Registered electors residing in the area approved for incorporation had to submit 5 percent of their signatures on that petition. There are 784 registered electors

in the approved village area so 40 signatures were necessary.

According to Boundary Commission Manager Christine Holmes, a total of 210 signatures were submitted and Crystal Township Clerk Nan Hagerman certified 207 of those as valid.

Only residents of the proposed village area may vote. Should the referendum pass, the Boundary Commission will order an election for village charter commissioners. The Village Creation Group wants to incorporate 4.18 square miles of the township — including Crystal Lake. The proposed village would represent 13 percent of the township geographically, specifically Crystal Lake, Swan Lake and the Crystal business district.

About 1,380 residents — 48 percent of the township's current population — would make up the proposed village and 57.4 of the township's taxable value would be inside the village. The proposed village area would include the 750-acre Crystal Lake.

A map of the proposed village area can be found at [www.village-ofcrystallake.org](http://www.village-ofcrystallake.org) on the World Wide Web. Staff writer **ELISABETH WALDON** can be reached at [ewaldon@staffordgroup.com](mailto:ewaldon@staffordgroup.com) or (616) 754-9303 ext. 3065.



**Visit Our New Web Site & Win!!**  
Go to the site, click on "Ask Mr. Fitness" and register to take a Club tour. After the tour draw for a prize, including a 3 month GOLD MEMBERSHIP!!!

Powered by TECNAVIA

Copyright (c)2006 Greenville Daily News 10/14/2006