



Prior Lake Recreation



To register and check out all the other activities, call (952) 447-9820 or visit www.cityofpriorlake.com



SUMMER REGISTRATION

Look for the Prior Lake Recreation summer catalog to hit Prior Lake mailboxes the end of February. If you do not receive a catalog, you can request a copy of the catalog at (952) 447-9820 or go online to cityofpriorlake.com.

Registration opens March 1.



You & Me Activities

For children 2-6 with an adult. Only the child participating must register and pay. Space limited to 12 children per session. Classes take place at Club Prior Community Room. Dress for the mess. Cost is \$10/resident, \$15/non-resident

Be My Valentine

Feb. 10, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Deadline: Feb. 3



March - St. Patrick's Day

March 16 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Deadline: March 8



April - Earth Day

April 13 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Deadline: April 5



PARTY IN THE CLUB

The Prior Lake Recreation Department and Prior Lake Library scheduled free winter parties for kids and families. Get out of the house and MOVE at Club Prior. Each winter party includes activities and crafts from 10:30 - 11 a.m. and a performer from 11 a.m. - Noon

Feb. 6:

Pig Party & Barnyard Boogie

Feb. 27:

Pajama Party with the Teddy Bear Band



Sponsored by Prior Lake Lions Club, City of Prior Lake and The Prior Lake Library

CLUB PRIOR

Resource and Recreation Center for Adults 55+

16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE Suite 101
Tues - Thurs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
952-447-9783

Exercise Options - Some are Free
(Please Pay Instructor when applicable)

Tuesdays:

9 a.m. Walking Club, weather permitting
10 a.m. "Move It" Exercise Class
(Check city website for updated schedule)

Wednesdays:

9:15 a.m. Zumba Gold for People 55+

Thursdays:

9:15 a.m. Arthritis Exercise (\$3.00)
10:30 a.m. Line Dance (\$4.00)

AARP Free Income Tax Assistance

Seniors and Income Qualifying

Prior Lake Library Meeting Room
Feb 2- April 12, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
WALK IN ONLY - first come first serve

First Thursdays in the Club

Live Music Free to the Community

A partnership between Scott County Libraries and City of Prior Lake/Club Prior. Partially funded by Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Feb. 4 from 7 - 8 p.m. Enjoy Celtic Music with Willow Brae Celtic Duo.

March 3 from 7 - 8 p.m. Join the finest mandolin and fiddle players, Peter Ostroushko and Dean Magraw.

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Work and Play for a Lifetime.

Police Department
(4649 Dakota St. SE)
Daytime business phone: (952) 440-3555
Emergency 911

Fire Department
(Station No. 1: 16776 Fish Point Rd. SE)
(Station No. 2: 3906 Station Place NW)
Daytime business phone: (952) 440-3473
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Council meetings are the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall

Maintenance Center
(17073 Adelmann St. SE)
The Maintenance Center is not open to walk-in traffic. Please call to make appointments.
Public Works: (952) 447-9800

The Wavelength

February/March '16

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2016 City Budget Approved

At the December 21, 2015 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the city's 2016 budgets totaling \$29.5 million. The approved budgets include a property tax levy increase of 6.5%, down from the 11.5% increase identified as the preliminary levy in September. After two council meetings, numerous public forums, a council work session, a town hall, and significant resident input at the public meetings, the council approved the proposed debt service and revolving equipment fund budgets recommended by staff, but decreased the general purposes budget and property tax levy by \$100,000. The additional cuts were attributed to market prices for fuel, milder than usual winter weather, reduced legal fees and other one-time expenses. There is always a risk in estimating what market costs might be but these reductions were deemed reasonable and appropriate.

The approved budgets contemplate a continuation of service at existing levels and the addition of one full-time police officer and one public works maintenance worker to city staff. These positions bring city staffing levels to what they were in 2008. During this time frame, the city's population grew by over 15%, service calls for police and fire increased by almost 11%, and street miles expanded by 10%.

Based on an average home value of \$302,200, property owners would pay an estimated \$1,032/year or \$86/month for city services in 2016. The general purposes budget includes Public Safety (Police and Fire), Public Works (street maintenance, snow plowing), Culture and Recreation (parks and trails), and other services. The only other major

Approximate Monthly 2016 Property Tax Levy Distribution for Average Valued Property

General Purpose	Amount
Equipment Fund	\$2.56
Culture/Recreation	\$9.03
Public Works	\$10.21
Administration	\$12.97
Public Safety	\$24.26
Debt	\$26.97

Total Monthly Cost: \$86.00

category is debt. Debt is used to finance projects such as public buildings, streets and the like.

The final 2016 budget will be posted on the City's website in early January.

Flood Study Nears Completion

To address flooding concerns highlighted by the 2014 flood, the City of Prior Lake and the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) initiated the ongoing Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation Study. The major outcome of the Study will be an implementation plan that identifies projects to help mitigate future flooding.



This collaborative project began in February 2015 and will conclude in 2016. Members of the public, key community leaders, and elected and appointed officials have provided input during the project through a series of community and targeted meetings. City, PLSLWD, and Spring Lake Township officials will meet in February to review preliminary study findings and provide additional direction to complete the implementation plan. The public will soon have a chance to review study findings on the project website and during a community-wide open house meeting.

For more information please visit the project website at <http://www.plslwd.org/flood-study/>

Police to Take Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on Feb. 20

Members of the City of Prior Lake Police Department and other staff are participating in the Prior Lake Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Sand Point Beach, 14349 Crest Ave. in Prior Lake. The event benefits athletes of Special Olympics Minnesota. For more information or to make a donation, visit the Prior Lake Polar Bear Plunge webpage.



MORE INFORMATION:
www.plungemn.org/events/prior-lake

Emerald Ash Borer - Frequently Asked Questions & Signs

Remove the Tree?

If removal is necessary due to hazardous conditions then chip at least the outer 1" of bark/wood on site and transport to nearest facility that can process the material. Or transport at least outer 1" of bark/wood in a vehicle where it is 100% enclosed to the nearest facility that can quickly process the material. Material should remain enclosed until it can be, at a minimum, chipped. Material moved during the EAB Active Period may release adult beetles at any time during transportation into a previously un-infested area.

Treat the Tree?

Two life stages of EAB are targeted by treatments: adult beetles and young larvae. Insecticides only work while they are present in the tree, and products are generally labeled for a one to two year period of effectiveness. Treatment will need to be repeated to protect trees if EAB are still abundant enough in an area to cause significant injury when the effective period ends. Options to treat the tree include soil injection or drench, trunk injection, systematic bark spray and granules.

Canopy Thinning

One of the first visible signs of a possible EAB infestation is the thinning of the top canopy of the ash tree.



Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers like EAB larvae and woodpecker holes may indicate the presence of EAB.

Blonding

A common sign of an EAB infestation is a heavy stripping of bark from the tree by woodpeckers going after the larvae. This "blonding" appearance can be patchy or encompass nearly an entire tree.

Bark Cracks

EAB larvae tunneling beneath the bark can cause the bark to split open, revealing the larval galleries beneath.



S-Shaped Galleries

The distinct S-shaped galleries under the bark are diagnostic of EAB.

For more information on EAB, go to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's website mda.state.mn.us/eab

Community Garden Plots Available For Returning Gardeners

Rented in 2015? Reserve the same plot/same size by Feb. 29!

Call (952) 447-9820 or Walk In

Plots not rented by March 1 are open to the public.



CO-ED SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Wednesday evenings at Sand Point Beach

Registration Opens March 1 **\$105 PER TEAM**



More info call (952) 447-9823 or email kkes@cityofpriorlake.com



Registration Feb, 16 – Mar, 20

To Register visit cityofpriorlake.com **USSSA SANCTIONED**



Environmentally-Friendly Cost-Effective Measures Keep Prior Lake Roads Safe

The City of Prior Lake has an abundance of natural beauty surrounding its community and the health of its lakes and natural areas is important all year around.

Salt used to de-ice roads, sidewalks and driveways contains high concentrations of chloride which, even in small amounts, can have serious and permanent impacts on local water bodies. Excess chloride changes the concentration of salt in water and can harm aquatic plants and fish. Infrastructure problems from corroding road surfaces, bridges and vehicles also increases maintenance costs.

The Prior Lake Public Works Department has taken innovative steps to reduce the amount of chloride entering local waters. Seventy-eight percent of all salt applied to roadways stays within a local watershed. The city uses a mixture of 23% salt solution and an environmentally-friendly product with anti-icing properties made from beet juice or molasses to pre-treat roads and sidewalks to prevent ice from forming. By using this mixture, the city has reduced the amount of salt exposure to the environment by 77%.

To learn more about water pollution, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website at www.pca.state.mn.us/r0pgb86. Snow plows also play an important role in preventing ice formation. Since public safety is the city's number one priority, during periods of significant snowfall, snow plows are available 24 hours a day. During smaller snow events, the city plows roads as soon as the snow stops falling. Quick removal of snow from city streets prevents vehicles from compacting snow to street surfaces and prevents ice from forming. Learn more about winter street maintenance by visiting www.cityofpriorlake.com/winter-street-maintenance.php.



City Code Reminders:

Pet Care, Licensing and Vaccinations

The beginning of the year is a great time to obtain or renew your pet license/s. The best tip for making sure your pet is safe and quickly returned is to have it collared and licensed with the City. It is the responsibility of the owner to prevent their pet/s from creating a nuisance to the surrounding public. Remember to keep your pet restrained and don't forget to leash and pick up any waste. The City ordinance provides that no more than three dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, may occupy a dwelling unit, and every dog and cat over three months old must be licensed with the City and vaccinated against rabies. The fee for pets that have been spayed or neutered is \$15, and the fee for non-spayed/neutered pets is \$25. Your pet's license will be valid until Dec. 31 of the following year. For more information or to download a pet license application visit www.cityofpriorlake.com or call (952) 447-9800.

For more information, refer to City Ordinance Section 802 for city regulations concerning dogs and cats.

Clearing Driveways and Sidewalks

The ordinance requires property owners to clear snow from their driveways and sidewalks adjacent to the property. This is to provide a clear path for pedestrians and children walking to school. You may have to clear the driveway a second time after your street has been plowed. **Placing, plowing or shoveling snow onto the sidewalk or street is prohibited.**

TO REPORT VIOLATIONS:
Code Enforcement
Officer Dale Stefanisko
(952) 447-9811



Suburb 2 Suburb Bus Service Begins Jan. 19

A "first of its kind" collaborative effort begins transit service Jan. 19 serving Eden Prairie, Hopkins, Maple Grove, Plymouth and Shakopee. The service plan includes 20 trips operating about every 30 minutes between the Marshall Road Transit Station and the Maple Grove Transit Station using Highways 169 and 494. A local peak fare of \$2.25 per trip will be charged. Visit www.s2s494.com for more information.

WSUM Update:

Water Surface Use Management (WSUM) is the DNR's term for local water surface zoning that involves lake use regulations. WSUM regulations work in conjunction with state boating laws. Prior Lake's existing WSUM ordinance includes slow no-wake zones and restrictions, speed limits, and towing restrictions. Several policy issues were identified through a WSUM public input process that started in early 2015. The following policy issues encompass themes such as education, enforcement, and lake use conflicts on both Prior Lake and Spring Lake:

- Impacts of boat and wind wake
- Preservation of recreational opportunities
- Public safety
- Impaired waters & water quality
- Lack of WSUM provisions on Spring Lake

At a joint workshop held on April 27, 2015, the City Council and Spring Lake Town Board created a task force to study WSUM issues and make recommendations on potential WSUM ordinance changes. The task force consists of members who best-represent stakeholder groups. Seven task force meetings were held and their findings will soon be shared with the Council and Board. There will be additional opportunities for public input in the near future. For updated information please visit <http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/WSUM.php>

Post me on the fridge!

The Wavelength Event Calendar

For more up to date information please visit the city website at www.cityofpriorlake.com.

Feb. 15 *City Offices Closed*
for Presidents Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 16

Feb. 20 *Prior Lake Polar Plunge*
at 1 p.m. at Sand Point Beach in Prior Lake. Visit www.plungemn.org for more information.

Feb 25 *Disney on Ice Family Bus Trip*
Ride the School Bus to The Target Center
9 a.m - 2 p.m.

March 1 *Summer Registration Opens*
Catalogs will be mailed at the end of February and available on the City website at cityofpriorlake.com.

May 7 *NEW! Spring-a-Ding*
Free Family Fun
From 10 a.m. - Noon
Lakefront Park
Check website for updates and details closer to the event

Mommy and Son Superhero Spectacular

For Moms and Sons Ages 4 and Up



Deadline: Feb. 8

Saturday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Moms and superhero sons can register with the Prior Lake Recreation Department (see page 4) for fun at Brunswick Zone in Lakeville. Enjoy two slices of pizza, a soda, shoe rental, crafts and an hour of bowling. Dress up like a superhero.

Cost: \$35/resident child and adult; \$40/non-resident and adult; \$20/additional resident child; \$25/additional non-resident child.