



# Prior Lake Recreation



To register and check out all the other activities, call (952) 447-9820 or visit [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com)  
Weather Hotline: (952) 447-9825

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## Aug. 19 – Big Thrill Factory

Join us for three hours of play at the Big Thrill Factory! Day of fun includes Laser Tag, Blacklight Ropes Course (must be 48" or taller for ropes course), Kids' Fun Factory, Time Challenges, and 18-Hole Mini Golf. Two slices of pizza per child will be provided. Some activities subject to change due to weather. Closed toed shoes and socks required. (30 Min, 45 Max) Meet at Lakefront Park Shelter #2  
**Who:** Children 6+ **When:** Aug. 19, 9:15 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40/Resident; \$45/Non-resident **Where:** Meet at Lakefront Park Shelter #2  
**Deadline:** Aug. 4

## Aug. 24 Horse Back Riding (River Valley Ranch) waiver required

Enjoy an exciting trip through the woods on horseback. We will have a picnic next to the horse barn, enjoy crafts and take an hour long trail ride. Bring bag lunch. Wear long pants, closed toed shoes, and bring a helmet if you desire one! (25 Min, 60 Max)  
**Who:** Children 50" or taller **When:** Aug. 24, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40/Resident; \$45/Non-resident **Where:** Meet at Lakefront Park Shelter #2  
**Deadline:** Aug. 16

## Aug. 25 – Splatmaster at MN Pro Paintball (waiver required)

MN Pro Paintball provides all gear and paintballs for each participant. Splatmaster is a specially modified, plastic, 'Low Impact' paintball gun. It is made with both safety and fun in mind. Participants must wear long pants, long sleeved shirts and closed toed shoes. Bring bag lunch. (30 Min, 60 Max)  
Meet at Lakefront Park Shelter #2  
**Who:** Children 6-12 **When:** Aug. 25, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$55/Resident; \$60/NonResident **Where:** Meet at Lakefront Park Shelter #2  
**Deadline:** August 16

## Fall One-pitch Softball

Registrations are now being accepted. Deadline: Aug. 12. All leagues (Men's, Women's, Church and Co-Rec) are five weeks, one pitch doubleheaders, beginning Aug. 28, 2016. League Fees: \$300  
Fee includes five game balls, umpires and opportunities for USSSA post-season play.



Club Prior at the Prior Lake Library  
16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE, Suite 101.  
Tuesdays – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
(952) 447-9783

All presentations are free.  
No registration required.

The coffee is always on at Club Prior! We always have jigsaw puzzles in progress, card games, board games available, exercise options and the pool table is ready for you to play while you watch the Twins game on TV

### "The Cuban Missile Crisis"

**Aug. 16 at 1 p.m.**  
The Cuban missile crisis was a 13-day confrontation in October 1962 between the Soviet Union and Cuba on one side and the United States on the other side. The crisis is generally regarded as the moment in which the Cold War came closest to turning into a nuclear conflict. Presented by local historian Dan Hartman who has taught a number of college classes as well as classes for Community Education & Senior Centers. This is a free program, no registration required.

### The Hi Hats

**Tuesday, September 20, 2 p.m.**  
Join us for some FALL FUN! This three piece band features popular music of the 40's & 50's. Dance to fox trot standards, the waltz, polkas and a touch of Latin. Not a dancer? Come to enjoy great music at this FREE event, no registration required. Light refreshments served.

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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  
Emergency 911

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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)  
Maintenance Center Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works (952) 447-9896

# The Wavelength

Aug./Sept. '16

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## Lakefront Days Celebration is Aug. 4 - 6 at Lakefront Park

This year is the 33rd annual Lakefront Days community celebration co-sponsored by Prior Lake Chamber and the City of Prior Lake along with many sponsorships from local businesses. The event is three fun-filled days of activities and entertainment. The celebration kicks off on Thursday, Aug. 4 with a Business Expo/Wine Tasting/Silent Auction and a display of Kelly's Umbrellas for those 21 years or older. On Friday, Aug. 5, the day starts with a beach party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Watzl's Beach. Festivities will begin at Lakefront Park at noon with Carnival (*tickets needed*) and inflatables (*\$1 unlimited*). Additional favorites include



GaminRide(*free*), live music, food vendors, kayak, canoe, paddle board, pontoon rides, bean bag tournament, human foosball tournament and fireworks. New activities include two Princess Parties and a Super Hero Party, Silly Hilly 5K, LakefrontDays Summer Games, and opening 2016 Summer Olympics ceremonies on a big screen. Save money by buying your advance carnival ride tickets online, for more information on advance carnival tickets locations, registration forms, times of activities and costs log onto the Prior Lake Chamber website.

MORE INFO: [www.priorlakechamber.com/lakefrontdays](http://www.priorlakechamber.com/lakefrontdays)

## Council Makes Streets a Long Term Priority

City Council recently adopted Community Assets, Economic and Community Development and Natural Resources as the top three priority vision elements. Streets are considered a community asset in the 2040 Vision and Strategic Plan. Our transportation system is a large investment and needs to be maintained to ensure longevity and safety. The City of Prior Lake utilizes a pavement management program to rate street conditions which are then used to determine the appropriate maintenance activity. This rating is called the Overall Condition Index (OCI) which ranges from 100 for a new pavement to 0 for a pavement that has completely failed. The Council selected "maintaining city streets at an average OCI of 70" as one of its long term goals in the 2016 priority elements update.

Preventative methods are cost effective procedures that prolong the life of a street and postpone a full street reconstruction. With proper maintenance streets can last up to 50 years. The city uses three main forms of street maintenance as a preventative repair to prolong the life of the street until reconstruction is necessary.

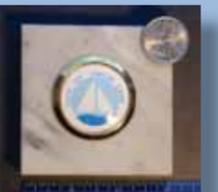
**Crack Seal and Seal Coat** – These methods are used early on in a pavements life, OCI 65+, to seal small cracks and keep water from reaching the subbase of the road under the bituminous.

Once water reaches the subbase, freeze/thaw cycles that occur in the transition seasons can break up the road surface and accelerate the deterioration of the road. With crack sealing a hot rubberized material is injected into the cracks to prevent water infiltration into the road base. Seal coating entails the application of an asphalt emulsion followed by the placement of small graded aggregate. A seal coat or chip seal is wear-resistant and protects the pavement from the effects of oxidation, moisture, and water penetration. Typically roads are crack sealed before a chip seal is placed. These types of activities are completed as early as 2-3 years of life of a pavement and repeated every 5-7 years.

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## Lakefront Days Medallion Hunt 2016

Now in its 15th year, the 2016 Prior Lake Medallion Hunt is underway with clues presented every Saturday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. Check online at [plmedallionhunt.blogspot.com](http://plmedallionhunt.blogspot.com) to see clues and hunt status.



### Streets continued

**Patch and Repair** – This activity involves repair of the typical “pothole” or other similar small isolated section of street failure. This may include the milling, grinding, or removal and repair of the street section. Area patches and pothole filling is completed as needed at any OCI.

**Overlay** – An overlay entails the placement of 1.5-2.5 inches of new bituminous over the existing pavement surface. Typically the edge of the pavement and sometimes the full pavement width is milled down to allow the crown of the road to be re-established ensuring proper drainage. Milling consists of grinding the old surface down into small pieces which can be reused for other purposes. Overlays are completed when a pavement is at an OCI of 45-65 or about 15 – 20 years.

Streets are expected to last 50 years with proper maintenance. With over 100 miles of streets, that means we need to reconstruct two miles a year.

In most cases the reconstruction process is predetermined by a street with an OCI in the range of 0 – 45. Other factors are considered when selecting a street for reconstruction such as the condition of the underlying utilities, drainage issues, safety data, and traffic pattern and volume changes. When completing reconstruction these factors are evaluated and the appropriate method is selected. Typically the curb and pavement is removed, utilities are upgraded and the subgrade is rebuilt before a new pavement surface is applied. In cases where the curb and utilities are in good condition, they can be left in place and the pavement and subgrade replaced with a method called reclamation. Street reconstruction is programed as part of the Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) process.



## Avoid Over-watering Your Lawn

It is easy to let hard-earned money evaporate by over-watering your lawn. Most established lawns need only one inch of water each week. Avoid setting automatic systems to water this amount every other day – a deep soaking once per week is much more effective than more frequent watering because it promotes deeper root development which is more drought tolerant. Keep your grass between 2” and 3” to provide natural shade that will help the soil stay moist. Leaving some grass clippings on the lawn will help to retain even more moisture.

Water use can be up to five times higher in the summer than in the winter and this increased use is primarily due to lawn irrigation. Consider investing in an irrigation system that has a rain sensor or a soil moisture sensor to help conserve water. These types of systems can save as much as 40% on water use paying for themselves over a couple of years. Conservation efforts also help to even the use of municipal water during the day so water towers can still serve peak water demands, fires, or other emergencies.

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
www.cityofpriorlake.com  
Utility Billing Department at (952) 447-9843 or (952) 447-9844

## Neighbors to Join for Night to Unite

Prior Lake’s annual Night to Unite is Aug. 2 from 6 and 9 p.m. It is a statewide, non-profit gathering of citizens, law enforcement officers, and crime prevention practitioners to promote, develop, and advance crime prevention programs. To have Prior Lake police officers or firefighters attend your block party between 6 and 9 p.m., call the Prior Lake Police Department at (952) 440-3555 by July 31. Leave contact information and an explanation of location and time of the gathering. For more information visit [www.cityofpriorlake.com/community-events.php](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/community-events.php)

## Capital Improvement Plan Public Hearing Aug. 8

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) identifies capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a planning schedule and identifies funding/financing options. The CIP includes plans for transportation, equipment replacement, park, water, sewer and storm sewer, facility management and technology over the next five years.

If you have comments related to the draft Capital Improvement Plan, please attend the public hearing on Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 4646 Dakota St. SE. Public comments will be accepted by the City Council at the Public Hearing. For more information contact Don Uram at (952) 447-9841, [duram@cityofpriorlake.com](mailto:duram@cityofpriorlake.com).

## Drinking Water Report Issued for 2015



The City of Prior Lake recently issued the results from monitoring its drinking water from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015. The monitoring advances consumer understanding of drinking water and heightens awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. Call (952) 447-9800 with questions about the City’s drinking water or for public participation opportunities that may affect the quality of the water.

**MORE INFORMATION:** [www.cityofpriorlake.com/documents/drinking2015.pdf](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/documents/drinking2015.pdf)

## City Code Reminders:

**Code Enforcement Officer Dale Stefanisko**  
(952) 447-9811

### Trash Can Storage

**601.504:** Storage of Garbage and Refuse  
Containers: Garbage cans and other garbage and refuse containers shall be so located as to be out of the public view except on the day of the pickup. Public view is defined as being seen from any public street or sidewalk.

*Places where residents CAN store trash cans on non trash days:*

- In a garage
- Behind an enclosure or opaque fence
- In the side or rear yard out of public view
- Anywhere else out of public view

### Littering and Waste Disposal

Littering creates a danger to public health, safety and welfare. Please, do not dump yard waste and debris onto vacant lots or public property.

601.201 Litter in Public Places: No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the City, except in public receptacles or authorized private receptacles for collection. Litter includes yard waste, trees, brush and bushes. Public places include all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and buildings.



### Clearing Right of Ways, Trails or Sidewalks

Please cut back trees, bushes and brush from blocking sidewalks, overhanging sidewalks, blocking street signs, blocking traffic signs, blocking streets, blocking trails and blocking access to fire hydrants. There should be a clear open space of three feet around fire hydrants.

On corners, residents can determine the approximate right-of-way line by measuring 50 feet along the curb line on each street, and drawing an imaginary line connecting these two points to form a triangle. No obstruction taller than 2 ½ feet or lower than 5 feet should be located within this triangle.

Trees and bushes should be trimmed back to 14 feet above streets, trails, and sidewalks. Trim back 5 feet from the end of a trail, street or sidewalk.

Post me on the fridge!

## The Wavelength Event Calendar

### Aug. 2 Night to Unite

Prior Lake Police Officers and Firefighters attend block parties from 6 - 9 p.m. Call (952) 440-3555 for information.



### Aug. 5 Final Beach Party

at Watzl's Beach  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



### Aug. 19 Free Outdoor Movie

The Good Dinosaur  
at Lakefront Park bandshell  
at about 8:30 p.m.

### Sept. 5 City Offices Closed

For Labor Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 6.

### Sept. 11 Annual Chicken BBQ

Prior Lake Fire Department's 37th Annual Fundraiser at Prior Lake VFW from 3 - 8 p.m.

### Sept. 19 Fall Community Fest

at Prior Lake High School  
from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### Oct. 1 Fall Frenzy

Includes pumpkin bowling and pumpkin painting, live music and more from 10 a.m. - noon.

### MORE INFORMATION:

[www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com)  
[www.cityofpriorlake.com/long\\_calendar.php](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/long_calendar.php)

### Chamber of Commerce Community Events

**Aug. 4:** Business Expo/Wine Tasting from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Lakefront Park

**Aug. 5:** Lakefront Days, 12 p.m. - midnight at Lakefront Park

**Aug. 6:** Lakefront Days, 10 a.m. - midnight at Lakefront Park

**Sept. 19:** Fall Community Fest from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at Prior Lake High School