



Prior Lake Recreation



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

Connect with the City of Prior Lake on 

Elves in City Hall - Tot & Me Activity

Make crafts and decorate a holiday treat to take home on Wednesday Dec. 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. or Thursday, Dec. 11 from 10-11 a.m. at the City Hall lunch room. Don't forget to dress for the mess. Registration required for participating children. Space is limited to 15 elves ages 2-6 (with an adult). Cost: \$7/Resident, \$12/Non-resident
Deadline: Dec. 8



PARTY IN THE CLUB - New Event Series

The Prior Lake Recreation Department and the Prior Lake Library are planning free winter parties for kids and their families. Get out of the house and MOVE at Club Prior. Each winter party will include activities and crafts from 10 - 11 a.m. and a performer from 11 - 11:45 a.m.

- Jan. 24: Choo Choo Bob
- Feb. 7: Kids' Zumba with Leah
- Feb. 21: The Heebie Jeebies
- March 7: Kids' Yoga with Leah
- March 21 or April 18: TBA

For more details, check the web calendars at www.cityofpriorlake.com and www.scottlib.org

SUMMER REGISTRATION

Look for the Prior Lake Recreation summer catalog to hit Prior Lake mailboxes the first part of March. Residents not in the City of Prior Lake can request a copy of the catalog at (952) 447-9820 or go online to cityofpriorlake.com (under Recreation Department).



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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

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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
Emergency 911



Club Prior: Prior Lake Library
16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE Suite 101
Tues - Thurs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Club Prior Holiday Party
Club Prior's annual Holiday Party is Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 10:45 - 12:15. Musical Holiday Show from Steve Millar from 11 - noon. Light Refreshments will be served. The Holiday Party is free and no registration required.

First Thursdays in the Club (FREE)
Dec. 4 from 7 - 8 p.m. The Roe Family Singers (jug band) perform during a family fun event. The show will feature a mix of original music and contemporary takes on old-time tunes.

Jan. 8 (second Thursday of January) with SteamHeat (18 piece swing band). Dance instruction is from 6:15 - 6:45 p.m.; live music from 7 - 9 p.m. The event is funded with money from Minnesota's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.

Zumba on Tuesdays (NEW TIME)
Zumba will be meeting with a new time on Tuesdays. Tuesday Zumba is now 1 to 1:45 p.m.

"Things Others Say You Cannot Do"
Motivational speaker Kevin Burkart will speak on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Club Prior about his charitable work on behalf of Parkinson's disease, an affliction his father has been surviving since 1999. This is a free presentation with no registration required.

The Wavelength

December '14/January '15





Newsletter of the City of Prior Lake

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Two December Holiday Events, Twice the Holiday Fun

DOWNTOWN DAZZLE DEC. 4

The Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Downtown Dazzle Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5 - 9 p.m. in Downtown Prior Lake. The Ozzie Harris Band will perform from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Prior Lake VFW where drink specials, free appetizers, service vendors and gift vendors are available in the lower level. Shops and businesses are open until 9 p.m. Participants get double punches on Winter Walk punch cards and can pick up Buck Hunt clues for prizes while shopping on Main/Dakota/Colorado/Pleasant Sts. Participants can enjoy specials, treats, and beverages downtown, sing along with carolers and warm themselves by the bonfires. Photo stations will be set up along Main Ave.



DECEMBRRR DAZZLE DEC. 5

The City of Prior Lake will host its free DecemBRRR Dazzle celebration on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5 - 8 p.m. at Lakefront Park. Activities include Santa and his reindeer (start at 5:30), pony rides, concessions, lighted bowling and bean bag toss, a huge bonfire with the Prior Lake Fire Department and an ice sculpting demonstration. Weather permitting, other events include dog sled rides/demo, skating and snow shoeing (skates and snow shoes available at the park).



MORE INFORMATION:
www.priorlakechamber.com or www.cityofpriorlake.com

Thompson/McGuire Elected to Prior Lake City Council

Annette Thompson and incumbent Michael "Mike" McGuire were elected to four-year City Council terms on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014.

Annette Thompson received 4,973 votes (43% of ballots cast), incumbent City Councilmember Michael "Mike" McGuire received 4,107 votes (35%) and Andy Gonyou received 2,528 votes (22%).

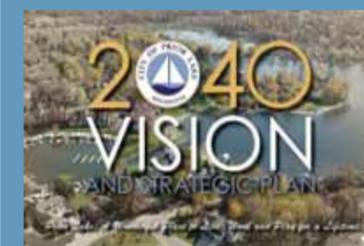
There were 11,688 ballots cast; voters chose up to two candidates. Thompson and McGuire will each take the oath of office during the first City Council meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 12. Visit the City of Prior Lake website at www.cityofpriorlake.com to learn more about the Prior Lake City Council or local government in general.

Council Member	(Prior Lake)	(Elect 2)	
PARTY	CANDIDATE	TOTALS	GRAPH
Nonpartisan	MICHAEL "MIKE" MCGUIRE	4,107	
Nonpartisan	ANNETTE THOMPSON	4,973	
Nonpartisan	ANDY GONYOU	2,528	
Write-in	WRITE-IN	80	

Council to Consider Proposed 2015 Budget/Tax Levy Dec. 8

A public budget meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. The public will have an opportunity to provide input or comments on the proposed 2015 budget and tax levy.

City Publishes 2040 Vision / Strategic Plan



The new 2040 Vision and Strategic Plan - written by community volunteers, elected officials and staff in April; and adopted by the City Council Sept. 22 - was recently unveiled by Mayor Ken Hedberg. The Vision includes a history of the Vision, a Mission and Vision

for the City, feedback from this year's resident survey and goals that reflect the community's priorities in seven key areas. The new Vision booklets were mailed to every household with a Prior Lake address on Nov. 13. To view the 2040 Vision and Strategic Plan online, visit <http://tinyurl.com/leg4bj5>



Prior Lake Laker Lines and Shakopee Transit (together the BlueXpress) are changing... joining the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA).

Same great Route 490 service to downtown Minneapolis (from Southbridge Crossing and the Eagle Creek Park & Ride). Same morning, midday and evening commutes between Prior Lake and downtown Minneapolis (Routes 490, 491, 492).

www.BlueXpressBus.com 952-496-8800
www.mvta.com 952-882-7500



Winter Parking Restrictions Began Nov. 1

It takes a combination of equipment, manpower, hard work and planning to remove snow and ice from winter roads, and there is no crystal ball for predicting when a winter storm will hit.

To plow streets in a safe and timely manner during the harsh Minnesota winters, the city needs your assistance. Residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on any street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. between Nov. 1 and March 31 so that the City can promptly and efficiently remove snow. Any vehicle parked in violation of the winter parking ordinance may be towed at the owner's expense. To avoid sod damage from plows, curb markers are available to residents from City Hall. Up to eight orange stakes can be picked up at either City Hall or the Maintenance Center at no charge. Placing these along your curbline helps direct the plow operator

when the snow is covering the curb.



Tree of Warmth

Drop off Locations:

- The Chamber of Commerce Office
- Prior Lake City Hall
- School District Office
- Thrivent Financial-Keystone Group
- Flowers Naturally

Please bring **NEW**

- Scarves
- Snow Pants
- Waterproof Mittens/Gloves
- Hats
- Warm Socks

by December 12

All donated items go to children of the Prior Lake-Savage School District. Tree of Warmth is sponsored by the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Fee Schedule/Utility Rate to be Discussed Dec. 22

Changes proposed for the 2015 Official Fee Schedule will be discussed during a public hearing scheduled for Monday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. This includes changes proposed for the utility rates. This date may change. Watch the city website for updates.

City to Unveil New Website Design for 2015

The City of Prior Lake will unveil its completely redesigned website around Jan. 1, 2015. The design is based on analysis of website use over the last couple years, feedback from citizens, the Communications and Technology Advisory Committee and staff members. Watch cityofpriorlake.com for updates.

City Code Reminders:



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

Clearing Driveways and Sidewalks –

City Code 701.100
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 in the sidewalk or street is prohibited.**

Clearing Fire Hydrants

The Prior Lake Fire Department requests that neighbors share in the responsibility of making fire hydrants accessible to first responders. This saves firefighters valuable time when responding to a fire at your home or within your neighborhood. A three-foot clearance is recommended.

Recreational *Equipment Storage – City Code 1102.700

Recreational summer equipment should now be stored in the side or rear yard, five feet away from property lines. Winter equipment is now allowed to be parked on or adjacent to the driveway. Currently licensed and operable winter recreational equipment, including fish houses, may be parked on or adjacent to a driveway on a lot in a "R" Use District from Nov. 1 to April 1 each year. Currently licensed and operable summer recreational equipment may be parked on or adjacent to a driveway on a lot in a "R" Use District from April 1 to Nov. 1 each year. At all other times, recreational equipment shall be stored in the rear or side yard and set back a minimum of five feet from the rear or side yard.

***Recreational Equipment:** Recreational equipment shall include, but not be limited to, boats, boat trailers, boat lifts and rail systems, general purpose trailers, recreational campers, self-contained motor homes, truck toppers, fish houses, utility trailers, jet skis and snowmobiles.

Ice Rinks/Warming House Open Before Christmas

Ice rinks and warming house will open Saturday, Dec. 20 weather permitting. For an up-to-date status of the rinks and warming house, call the Weather Hotline at (952) 447-9825.

Warming House Hours:

Monday – Friday: 5 – 9:30 p.m.
Saturdays/Sundays/School Holidays: noon – 8 p.m.
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day: CLOSED



Post me on the fridge!

The Wavelength Event Calendar

Winter Farmers Market

The Prior Lake Winter Farmers Market is from 9 a.m. to noon at City Hall on Dec. 6, 20, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and April 11.

Dec. 3 Club Prior Holiday Party
from 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. This event includes Musical Holiday Show from Steve Millar from 11 – noon. Light Refreshments will be served. The Holiday Party is free and no registration is required.

Dec. 4 Downtown Dazzle
from 5 - 9 p.m. The "adult night out" includes shopping, music, bonfires and more.

Dec. 5 DecemBRRR Dazzle
at Lakefront Park from 5 - 8 p.m. Activities include Santa and his reindeer, dog sled rides, pony rides, a huge bonfire and more.

Dec. 8 2014 Budget Meeting
The City Council will consider adopting 2015 Prior Lake Budgets and Certifying Final 2015 City of Prior Lake Property Tax Levies at 7 p.m.

Dec. 24 - City Offices Closed
Dec. 25 For Christmas Holiday. Offices will reopen Friday, Dec. 26.

Jan. 1 City Offices Closed
For the New Year Holiday. Offices will reopen Friday, Jan. 2.

Jan. 19 City Offices Closed
in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 20.

MORE INFORMATION:
www.cityofpriorlake.com
www.cityofpriorlake.com/long_calendar.php



Young Trees and Shrubs for Scott County Property Owners

If you thought your yard was too small for trees and shrubs, think again. The Soil and Water Conservation District in Jordan is expanding its approach to natural plantings to all landowners in Scott County, no matter the size of your property. This year's sale includes 33 bare-root seedlings (6" to 18" tall), along with four native seed mixes, rain barrels and tree supplies.

For the first time, Scott SWCD is offering a package called the "Backyard Bundle," a great choice for residents who live in the city or on smaller rural lots. It includes five different varieties in one bundle of 25, including Paper Birch, Black Hills Spruce, Highbush Cranberry, Serviceberry and Red Osier Dogwood. All other varieties are sold in groups of 25.

You may notice that this year's sale includes smaller seedlings and lower prices than in past years. Local forestry experts and our long-time customers have found that smaller stock grows faster, is easier to plant and has a higher survival rate. All varieties thrive in Minnesota's different soil types and climate. The sale began in mid-October and continues through April 2015, at which time customers may pick up their pre-paid orders and buy smaller bundles of any remaining seedlings at



the Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan. Call (952) 492-5425 or send an e-mail to dhrabe@co.scott.mn.us if you'd like to receive 2015 tree materials. Like last year, you may send your order to the Scott SWCD Office, 7151 190 St W, Suite 125, in Jordan, Minn. Or you may complete your entire order online, including secure payment with either Mastercard or VISA. To get started, visit http://www.scottswcd.org/gallery_trees.html for order form, photos and sale item descriptions.