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First Non-Partisan Precinct Caucus Finder Available Online for Prior Lake Residents

The City of Prior Lake is encouraging residents to use a new, free, online tool to identify the times and locations of the upcoming February 5 political party caucuses. The Precinct Caucus Finder was recently launched by the Minnesota Secretary of State's office which worked with political parties in Minnesota to create the one-stop, easy-to-use online search tool.

All the political parties partnered to make this important service to Minnesotans a reality. This caucus finder helps Prior Lake residents take ownership of our democracy.

Prior Lake residents interested in attending a precinct caucus should go to the City website at www.cityofpriorlake.com or the Secretary of State Web site at www.sos.state.mn.us and click on the Precinct Caucus Finder link. The caucus finder will display caucus times and locations provided by the political parties. If a date and location are not available for a party's caucus, the Web site directs users to a link to the party's Web site for more information.

Precinct caucuses are free and open to the public. To participate at a caucus, persons must be eligible to vote in the November 4, 2008 general election and likely to support the candidates of that political party. A caucus brochure is available for download at www.sos.state.mn.us/docs/mnprecinctcaucuses.pdf.

The Republican, DFL and Independence parties are scheduled to meet for their respective caucuses on Feb. 5 or "Super Tuesday." The DFL and Republican Parties will also hold "straw polls" at their caucuses for presidential candidates.

The Constitution Party will caucus on Feb. 2, and the Green Party will caucus on March 4. The Independence Party will continue to meet online in a virtual caucus through March 4. The results of the presidential straw polls, as provided by the political parties, will appear on the Secretary of State Web site at www.sos.state.mn.us.