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### **Registration Underway for City of Prior Lake's New Community Garden**

The City of Prior Lake will host a new yet-to-be-named community garden on the Kop Farm property at Lakefront Park in Prior Lake. The garden was created thanks to the efforts of private residents, various civic organizations, the Prior Lake Parks Advisory Committee, the Prior Lake City Council and community gardener Jane Keough. The community garden is sponsored through significant donations by the Prior Lake Rotary, the Prior Lake Lions Club, Prior Lake Optimists, Collins Chiropractic, P.A., Velishek Auto Sales, and Prior Lake State Bank.

No taxpayer money was used for the community garden and ongoing maintenance costs will be recovered by a plot rental fee paid by gardeners.

Plot registration for residents opened Thursday, May 7, through the Prior Lake Recreation Department at city hall. The community garden rules and agreement form, as well as the registration request form, can also be downloaded online at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com) and brought to city hall for payment Monday to Friday from 8 - 4:30 p.m. Registration for non-residents begins on Tuesday, May 19; however, there is a waiting list for non-residents. The plot rental fee is \$35 for residents (\$50 non residents). Gardeners must also pay a \$20 deposit that is refunded at the end of the season when plot signs are returned and plots cleared.

A spring community garden meeting to discuss basic garden use policies is Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at city hall, 4646 Dakota St. SE. All registered gardeners are encouraged to attend. Plot numbers will be distributed at the meeting.

The community garden could allow for up to 200 plots with woodchip trails delineating the outside borders. Numerous sites throughout Prior Lake were considered for the garden but limitations resulted in the recommendation of the Kop Farm site at Lakefront Park.

For more information, call the Prior Lake Recreation Department at (952) 447-9820.