

Wavelength



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Prior Lake
A Wonderful Place To Call Home

Special Events

Yard Waste Site

The SMSC Compost Site is open the second & fourth Saturdays of the month until Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The site is a quarter mile west of the County Rd. 42 and County Rd. 83 intersection. Residents can drop off leaves, grass clippings, brush and branches less than 8 inches in width.

Election Day

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Go to www.cityofpriorlake.com for precinct maps & info.



City Offices Closed

Veteran's Day Thursday, Nov. 11. Offices will reopen Friday, Nov. 12.

Thanksgiving Holiday Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26.

Truth in Taxation

A Truth in Taxation hearing is Monday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This is an opportunity for residents to provide input on the 2011 budgets and property tax levy.

Holiday Dazzle

The City of Prior Lake is co-sponsoring the Prior Lake Holiday Dazzle on Friday, Dec. 10 from 6 - 8 p.m. The event is now in Lakefront Park.



Council Updates 2030 Vision With New Focus

The 2020 Vision and Strategic Plan was adopted following meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2003. What has become the 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan has been updated four times since its original adoption. In each case, the update was the result of a Long Range Planning Committee meeting involving persons from all walks of life and interest from the Prior Lake area. Earlier this year, the Council discussed how it can ensure that the strategic plan can best be kept current and reflective of the current goals and objectives of the community.

The conclusion was that a two-step approach should be used. Every 24 months in June of the odd-numbered year

(following the even-year election), the Long Range Planning Committee will meet to review and update the plan. The next Long Range Planning Committee meeting by June 2011.

In the interim even-numbered year, the City Council will review the goals and objectives and provide direction to the staff regarding the updates desired in the plan. This review would allow the staff to incorporate the proposed revisions in the coming year's budget.

Current Circumstances

As part of the even year update outlined above, the City Council discussed revisions to the objectives contained in the strategic plan at

the June 21, 2010 work session. The Council discussion focused upon three vision elements: Economic Development, Strong Financial Management and Natural Resources. The revisions to those vision elements are contained in this document. Because the revisions were virtually all additions to the staff's list of things to do, the City Council directed city staff to report how the new objectives would affect current objectives and workload in general.

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A Message from the Mayor

Setting A Course for Cleaner Water

I have received a lot of questions about city and county matters, and I believe elected officials should provide candid answers and offer complete transparency regarding activities and decisions made on your behalf. In my first year as mayor, it is clear that residents are very concerned with the quality and health of our water resources. Prior Lake started out as a predominately lakeside recreation-oriented community with abundant water resources. And we want to remain so.

Our name sake and Spring Lake together cover almost 2,000 acres, but this important chain of lakes is just part of a larger watershed that covers 42 square miles, about 70% of the city.



Mayor Mike Myser

As a result, most of the rain that falls here does one of three things: It flows north to Spring Lake and the Upper and Lower Prior chain on its way to the Minnesota River through the Prior Lake outlet channel; it percolates underground and eventually becomes our drinking water; or, as most of it does, it just evaporates, leaving behind the chemicals and other pollutants it picked up as it runs downstream from farm fields, lawns and roadways.

You may be aware that recently Spring Lake and Upper Prior Lake

New Sign Regulations

The City Council has adopted new sign regulations. There are now additional options for signage for commercial or industrial businesses in Prior Lake. Some of the most notable changes involve banners, sandwich boards, electronic signs and downtown signs. **Go to page 7 of this issue for more information.**

Yard and Election Signs

The City of Prior Lake does not require sign permits for yard sale nor election signs. There are, however, criteria for the location of these signs. Signs must avoid public property and rights-of-way. Be sure to get permission when placing signs on private property.

For more information, visit www.cityofpriorlake.com.

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were determined to be impaired water bodies by the DNR. Your city council has unanimously agreed we must focus on cleaning the lakes. This article discusses the meaning of impaired water and what we are doing about it.

Sources of Impairment

A great deal of monitoring and research, much of it done by citizens and staff members right here in Prior Lake, revolves around tracking water quality and understanding our watershed system, which, in turn allows us to answer critical questions about any impairment in that system. This local research, and the work done by the federal, state and regional agencies and the Prior Lake/Spring Lake Watershed District, is showing that everything we do as home and business owners affects our lakes and water supply.

The southern half of our watershed is generally agricultural or rural-residential, highlighting part of the problem: excess nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen

running into lakes like Spring Lake, Upper Prior, Pike Lake and Cleary Lake. These nutrients come from fertilizers, pet waste, leaves and grass clippings, soil erosion and more.

The northern part of the watershed is more suburban with businesses and many more miles of road surface, highlighting the urban pollutants and urban hydrology problems. Road salt, sediments and pollutants on our roadways, driveways, sidewalks, rooftops and other hard surfaces, are picked up by quick moving and abundant storm water runoff and deposited in our wetlands, streams and lake system.

Plans For a Positive Outcome

Studies show we need to remove far more pollutants and sediments to make any significant improvement to our water quality. But we can't remove the pollutants without affordable technological innovation and permanent changes to our everyday habits.

That is why the City of Prior Lake is at the forefront of testing and research to reduce sources of water pollution and increase treatment capacity of our water quality system. And as we test, we also pioneer ways to lower costs.

The city's current, two-year street sweeping study, in partnership with the University of Minnesota, will determine what level of street sweeping is most beneficial to water quality. Preliminary results confirm that aggressive sweeping is very effective in removing tons of particulate matter and phosphorous

that ended up in the lakes. The goal is to improve water quality by removing sedimentation, pollutants and nutrients at its source. This study comes at no additional cost to our citizens due to a federal grant.

For more information, view the city's street sweeping brochure at <http://alturl.com/i9qnw> or find it on the city's website.

The city's storm water pond system was designed to capture sediments that would degrade our water quality but does nothing to remove dissolved phosphorus and other pollutants. A never-before-tried sand/iron filter system could increase our ponds efficiency by removing 80% of dissolved nutrients



before they get into our wetlands, stream and lakes. In February 2010, two ponds in the city's 135-pond system were retrofit with a sand/iron filter and studied by the University of Minnesota and our two local watershed districts. Early results are promising. And in 2011, another federal grant will build on this local research by adding another 12 ponds to optimize the practice, providing another tool to clean up the lakes and save local taxpayers' money.

The city also won an award for its innovative snow and ice control methods. In the past, salt and sand provided safe, drivable roads during the winter but contributed to sedimentation and polluted water. We stopped using sand and are incrementally reducing and/or removing salt by using specialized plow blades and equipment that applies liquid mixtures with sprayers before, during, and sometimes after a snow storm. The program is showing enormous cost savings without undermining safety and has the potential to reverse chloride levels in our lakes.

Conclusion

It's all about getting the most water quality improvement with the limited public dollar, by promoting an efficient, water-quality outcome-based approach.

Right now much of our street sweeping and pond maintenance activities are paid for with grant dollars. The rest is paid through the water quality utility, which is a storm water charge on your water bill. The money maintains the system of pipes, ponds and water quality treatment practices that improve our impaired system, and, in turn, the value of our homes. And we will continue to push the limits of technology and understanding to provide better water quality.

Your city is also leading the charge in an important, ongoing, collaborative effort with the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed, Scott County and surrounding townships and community organizations to establish an aggressive, 10-year plan to turn Spring Lake, Upper and Lower Prior Lake blue again using state and federal funds.

You can help. This fall, take extra care to clean up landscape and leaf debris and take it to the City compost facility, always clean up and dispose of pet waste, keep your

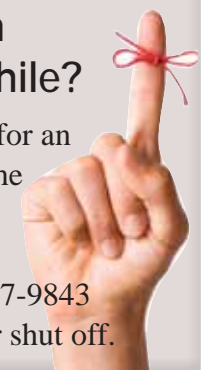
vehicles tuned and leak-free and use smart lawn care practices. According to the watershed district, 60-90% of lawns are over fertilized. Send a soil sample to the U of M soil lab. Their report will tell you how much potassium and nitrogen your yard needs. For more information, visit our Water Resources web Page at www.cityofpriorlake.com/WaterResources.shtml.

We all play a part in water quality, whether it be green, mucky, impaired lakes or crystal clear, pristine water.

**Sincerely,
Mayor Mike Myser**

**Leaving Town
for a Little While?**

If you leave town for an extended time in the winter, call Prior Lake Utility Billing at (952) 447-9843 to have your water shut off.



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Regular Public Meeting Schedule
 @ City Hall Council Chamber
City Council
 meets the first & third Monday of every month.
Planning Commission
 meets the second & fourth Monday of each month.
Lakes Advisory Committee
 meets the third Tuesday each month.
Parks Advisory Committee
 meets the third Thursday of each month.

2030 VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan is updated every two years. In accordance with this schedule, the City Council recently made additions to the objectives contained in the strategic plan. The Council focused upon three vision elements: Economic Development, Strong Financial Management, and Natural Resources. The revisions to those vision elements are

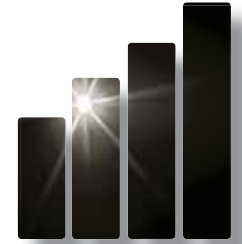


contained in the following document, with new objectives highlighted in a different color. These new objectives were added to keep the 2030 Vision current and reflective of the goals and objectives of our community. Be sure to participate in spring 2011 when we once again assemble the Long Range Planning Committee to update the plan for next year.

Developed by our community, for our community.



Economic Development



A strong, diversified tax base is essential to ensuring the community's long-term economic vitality. Prior Lake encourages high quality residential and business development.

Goal: Develop and implement a strategy to expand and diversify the City's business tax base through current business retention and new business developments.

Objective: Identify what the City has to offer that is unique and market it.

Objective: Provide an exit survey to businesses leaving the city to learn what the city can do better.

Objective: Market to CEOs, CFOs, and VPs living in Prior Lake to move their businesses here.

Objective: Prepare a business development plan for City Council consideration.

Objective: Focus on getting businesses that bring jobs for residents of the City and Office Park (campus) uses.

Objective: Complete Maxfield Research Economic Development Study.

Objective: Utilize the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to conduct periodic meetings with existing Prior Lake businesses.

Objective: Utilize EDAC to assist entrepreneurs with business start-up and expansion information.

Objective: Utilize EDAC to help attract businesses from outside of the community.

Goal: Identify and evaluate older commercial, industrial and residential properties for business development/redevelopment potential.

Objective: Focus on downtown, 13/42, Jeffers Waterfront, Summit Preserve, Gateway, South Lake Village and Vierling.

Objective: Annex property as it becomes available and rezone as appropriate.

Objective: Evaluate how to most cost effectively redevelop annexed property.

Objective: Facilitate redevelopment in accordance with the objective to provide diversified employment close to employee's houses.

Goal: Remove obstacles to economic development.

Objective: Adopt streamlined zoning approval and building permit processes and regulations to establish a reputation that Prior Lake provides customer- and business-friendly development without sacrificing the quality and effectiveness of City standards.

Objective: Make zoning in the 13/42 area consistent.

Goal: Ensure that land is available and designated in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for current and future business (commercial and industrial) development within the City and the orderly annexation area.

Objective: Revisit the Comprehensive Plan to address changes in population projections and the market.

Objective: Regularly update the Comprehensive Plan to assure adequate land inventory is retained for the business and economic development market Prior Lake is most likely to serve.

Objective: Maintain a buildable lot inventory for commercial, industrial, residential and public purposes equal to at least two years development volume.

Goal: Develop and implement financing tools, resources and partnerships to facilitate economic and business development.

Objective: Bring in network infrastructure and use fiber optic as an incentive for technology businesses to come here.

Objective: Adjust committees to align with 2030 goals and objectives.

Objective: Periodically review and monitor the City's tax increment finance policy and business subsidy policy to evaluate the prudence and effectiveness of each.

Objective: Explore joint ventures, investments, partnerships and funding with other agencies, entities, businesses, school districts and government.



Objective: Consider an Economic Development Authority levy to assist with economic development and redevelopment funding.

Goal: Work with the SCALE Unified Land Use and Transportation Coalition to support development and improvement of transportation corridors that enhance economic development.

Objective: Work to achieve goal that 50% of all Scott County residents will work within Scott County.

Objective: Identify areas for future business development; plan and coordinate future roadway improvements in and around those areas.

Objective: Work with SCALE to identify the number and type of jobs in Prior Lake.



Strong Financial Management



The people of Prior Lake have a powerful vision and great hopes for the community's future. For the 2030 Vision to become a reality, the City must ensure that there is financial confidence in the City and that financial resources are available, in the amount and within appropriate time frames, to fund the operating and capital costs associated with implementing the Strategic Plan regardless of the pace of development. Financial strength includes always assuring that financial resources are used to achieve maximum value for the lowest reasonable expenditure needed to achieve the 2030 Vision.

Goal: Diversify and maximize the City property tax base with high quality development.

Goal: Identify and develop non-tax revenue sources transparently showing the rationale nexus for each fee.

Goal: Identify and provide for the maintenance and replacement of infrastructure.

Objective: Program new and replacement City facility maintenance as part of multi-year financial tools.



Objective: Encourage commercial/ industrial development to create a good mix of immediately available developable land in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Objective: Promote residential subdivisions which add high quality, high value housing at all price points.

Goal: Foster transparency in taxes and fees by identifying how and when each is calculated and used.

Goal: Establish a comprehensive financial management policy which addresses the City's approach to fund balances, revenues, expenditures and debt.

Objective: Continue to plan for tomorrow's obligations in a sustainable way rather than pass them along to future taxpayers.

Objective: Develop and grow non-tax revenue sources to minimize property tax dependence.

Objective: Annually review and update general City license fees.

Goal: Minimize capital and operating costs and maximize service through collaborative efforts with other public and private entities.

Objective: Pursue SCALE initiatives providing additional cost-saving opportunities (e.g. joint powers agreements, equipment sharing, mutual aid, service swapping).

Goal: Regularly compile, summarize and publish the results of the City's audit report to be known as the "Financial Performance Standards" to ensure the financial health of the City and communicate it to the public.

Objective: Prepare a facilities maintenance plan to maximize the usable life of needed buildings.

Objective: Retain only those buildings and properties essential to effective service delivery; close, sell or repurpose those that are no longer needed.

Objective: Analyze what soft and hard infrastructure will cost over time.

Objective: Analyze repair and replacement costs.





Natural Resources



The City's lakes and numerous natural areas enrich the lives of its residents and attract visitors from around the area. They are the legacy to be left to future Prior Lake citizens. These valued and unique natural amenities are key to preserving the quality of life in Prior Lake.

Goal: Monitor and improve surface water quality in accordance with City water plans in partnership with stakeholders (i.e. lakes, ponds, wetlands, streams, storm water runoff and non-point runoff).

Objective: Work with Watershed, County and Township to establish a cooperative plan to clean up Spring Lake, Upper and Lower Prior Lake within 10 years through State and Federal funds.

Objective: Encourage construction of additional water quality facilities like rain gardens, stormwater ponds and infiltration ponds; and encourage tree planting as part of City improvement projects.

Objective: Promote water conservation and use runoff as a resource.

Objective: Preserve and restore parks and lakes from human and "natural" impacts.

Objective: Manage invasive species.

Objective: Assure erosion control/street cleaning in new development, redevelopment and existing streets.

Objective: Assist in completion of the Prior Lake Channel Project and Prior Lake outlet improvements.

Goal: Implement a plan that supports sustainable energy resources production and conservation.

Objective: Create standards and incentives for green buildings and energy efficiency.

Objective: Propose green standards for residential and commercial building design and construction including incentives to encourage this type of development.

Objective: Investigate partnership alternatives to sustain green efforts.

Goal: Monitor and improve regional groundwater quality in accordance with City water plans in partnership with stakeholders.

Objective: Promote water conservation and use runoff as a resource.

Objective: Preserve and restore parks and lakes from human and "natural" impacts.

Objective: Jointly plan and implement water conservation techniques and educational efforts with neighboring communities.

Objective: Expand conservation and communication efforts emphasizing efficient use of ground water and promote best management practices including providing account consumption information to customers using the Internet.

Objective: Reduce the number of private wells and septic systems within the wellhead protection area by extending municipal sewer and water.

Goal: Develop a financial plan and timeline for the implementation of the Master Park Plan.

Objective: Evaluate park replacement and content based upon future needs and demographics.

Objective: Encourage stewardship of parks.

Objective: Continue reforestation management program at City parks.

Objective: Identify and protect prime natural areas for preservation (unique water, forest, topography).

Objective: Create recreational opportunities for other lakes.

Objective: Encourage green belts between developments and major roadways to preserve the natural look of Prior Lake.

Objective: Preserve and restore parks and lakes from human and "natural" impacts.

Objective: Manage invasive species.

Goal: Encourage connecting people with nature and developing an ethic of stewardship and conservation of natural resources.

Objective: Connect trails in parks.

Objective: Encourage stewardship of parks.

Objective: Create recreational opportunities for additional lakes.

Objective: Increase awareness and education for natural resources and conservation.



Preliminary Budget/Property Tax Levy Breakdown For 2011

On Sept. 7, 2010, the City Council adopted a 2011 preliminary budget and property tax levy per State statute. The property tax levy cannot be increased from the amount adopted. It can be maintained at the same level or decreased. If the budget is approved as presently proposed it will mean a modest property tax reduction in the city portion of your taxes (\$8) for the average valued residential property in Prior Lake of \$288,800.

Budget Overview

The 2011 preliminary budget includes two additional funds which have not been included in the budget documents historically: Debt Service Funds and the Revolving Equipment Fund. Developing budgets for each of these funds for the first time provides greater transparency and understanding by the public of the types of overall expenditures that are expected in 2011.

Staff has separated the water and sewer budgets for the same reason.

Overall, when comparing the 2011 and 2010 total budgets (disregarding the two new funds that have been added), the level of expenditures is increasing about \$1.68M or 8.72% – most of it dedicated to infrastructure construction, maintenance and replacement.

What is driving these changes?

New Initiatives: The preliminary budget includes funding and expenditures associated with two council-directed initiatives:

Economic Development: The preliminary budget reflects an additional \$110,000 in expenditures for economic development resources supported by using General Fund reserves.

Water Quality: The preliminary Water Quality Fund budget includes \$87,000 in grant revenues that would pay for the additional personnel (.65 FTE engineering position - \$46,000) and operating costs associated with these initiatives.

Personnel Costs: The City is primarily in the service industry; therefore, personnel costs are going to comprise a large percentage of the costs, especially in the General Fund. Personnel services comprise 56% of the General Fund budget and 19% of the Enterprise Fund budgets.

In 2010, police sergeants, officers, nonorganized management and professional employees received no raise, while maintenance and support employees received 2.5% and 96 hours of unpaid furlough.

Historically, the City has sought to compensate each of the groups equitably compared to the other groups as well as other governmental units taking into consideration what has been granted in previous years.

Capital Acquisitions/Improvements:

Capital improvement projects comprise a large percentage of the increase in the Enterprise Funds – none of which is supported by property taxes. The Water Fund reflects the \$600k cost associated with digging Well #10. Staff is evaluating

alternatives for delaying this project which could decrease the proposed expenditures for 2011. The three utility funds reflect costs associated with continued infrastructure improvements on an accelerated schedule. The Water Quality Fund reflects \$350k in costs for major storm water pond system maintenance and repair. Staff is seeking grant funds to offset a portion of these costs.

The Transit Fund does not have any major capital acquisitions scheduled for 2011; therefore, this fund reflects a decrease in expenditures from 2010 to 2011.

What's the impact on fund balance reserves?

The preliminary budget reflects the use of General Fund reserves in the amount of \$350,000. It maintains a level of reserves at slightly less than 45%.

The Water, Sewer and Water Quality funds reflect a planned use of reserves as a funding source. This is consistent with the philosophy of not adjusting rates every year to meet the fluctuating expenditures for expansion, replacement and/or maintenance. Utility rates are adjusted in conjunction with a long-term plan that takes into account planned capital improvements and inflationary pressures on operating expenses. Water and sewer rates have not been changed since 2005. Water quality rates have not been changed since 2009. Staff will be presenting a water and sewer rate analysis to the Council in November.

The Transit Fund reflects a planned use of reserves, as well. The Met Council has reduced its funding to transit providers in order to reduce fund balances.

The Debt Service Funds reflect a planned use of reserves due to the variability of special assessment collections and levy requirements.

The Revolving Equipment Fund operates similarly to the Utility Funds such that expenditures will vary each year depending on which capital equipment needs to be replaced. A portion of the general property tax levy is dedicated to this fund. The Water and Sewer Funds also contribute funding because the use of equipment extends across departments. The funding is adjusted in conjunction with a long-term plan which takes into account all major capital equipment needs.

What's the impact on property taxes?

The Council preliminarily adopted a property tax increase of 0.35% or \$35,000 for 2011. The proposed tax levy of \$10,114,124 reflects a decrease in the use of property taxes for general purposes and an increase for the replacement of equipment and repayment of debt associated with the market referendums, City Hall/Police Station and road improvement projects.

Historically, we have used the average-valued home as a basis for communicating the impact of any tax levy decision. Based on current tax valuations provided by Scott County, the average valued home of \$304,200 in 2010 decreased approximately 5% to \$288,800 for 2011. The impact of a 0.35% or \$35,000 increase in property tax levy would be an approximate \$8 reduction in taxes imposed by the City of Prior Lake. This does not include the impact of taxes imposed by the county, school district, etc.

Where do we go from here?

Council has requested staff to prepare a list of reductions and their corresponding impacts for discussion at the Nov. 1, 2010 workshop. Staff is in the process of refining the 2011 proposed budget as requested by the council.

A Truth in Taxation hearing is set for Monday, Dec. 6, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber. This is an opportunity for residents to provide input on the 2011 budgets and property tax levy.

Questions? Contact Finance Director Jerilyn Erickson at jerickson@cityofpriorlake.com.

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For a synopsis of signs affected by the ordinance change, visit the city's website at www.cityofpriorlake.com.

The new sign regulations also contain language related to violations and allow fines in cases where illegal signage is not corrected (up to \$500 per day, for each day a sign is in violation).

Prior to putting up a sign, check with the Community Development and Natural Resources Department to verify if a sign or building permit is necessary. Please contact the CDNR Department if you have any questions (952-447-9810). The new Sign Ordinance can be requested or viewed on the city website at www.cityofpriorlake.com (enter the Document Center button and click: City of Prior Lake/City Code & Zoning Ordinances/Zoning & Subdivision Code/Part 11/Section 1107.400).

Check Your Mailbox Before the Snow Falls

The city would like to remind residents to check their mailboxes to ensure they meet the following criteria: Front of mailbox should be flush with the back of the curb and 42 inches to 44 inches from the top of the curb to the top of the mailbox.

Newspaper boxes and other containers should be set back a minimum of 6 inches from the back of the curb. The post should be set back a minimum of 12 inches from the back of the curb.

This is the time to replace hobbly mailboxes. The city will only provide replacement assistance if the plow actually hits the mail box. Most mail boxes are knocked down when they are hit by snow. For more information, call (952) 447-9830.



Prior Lake Trail Survey

The City of Prior Lake would like your help evaluating our trail system.

Please help by taking a short online trail survey at : <http://alturl.com/86m2s>, or stop at City Hall to fill one out.



PRIOR LAKE RECREATION



Check our website for more recreation fun:
www.priorlakerecreation.com or call (952) 447-9820



Located at the Prior Lake Resource Center,
 16210 Eagle Creek Avenue SE, Suite 101.
 Open Tuesdays – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

FAMILIES



Lakefront Holiday Dazzle at Lakefront Park

The growing community event draws hundreds of residents who warm the usual cold weather with a visit to Santa, the first annual pavilion holiday light spectacular, the annual parade, pony rides, face painting, crafts and fireworks. Glow necklaces will be available for a canned good or \$1 donation to the food shelf at the pavillion. Concessions will also be sold.
 When: Dec. 10
 Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
 Who: The whole family



Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Family Trips:

- Elmo at Target Center - Jan. 20
- Rodeo at Excel Center - Feb. 5
- T-wolves at Target Center - Feb. 27
- Disney On Ice at Target Center - March 3
- MN Wild at Xcel Center - April 2

TEENS

FREE Teen Hangout

Drop in with your friends and enjoy pool, TV, Wii, dance revolution, movies and more. Transportation from Twin Oaks is available. Bring snacks or money for snacks. Co-sponsored by Community Education and the City Recreation Department.

When: Nov. 5, 12 and Dec. 10
 Time: 2:30-5 p.m.
 Where: Club Prior
 Who: 12-15 year olds
 Register required



KIDS

Pumpkin Decorating
 Bring your parent/grandparent to decorate pumpkins. We provide the pumpkins and you decorate with paint, stickers, and more. Get a trick or treat goody bag, too.
 Class limit: 12
 When: Oct. 27
 Time: 10-11 a.m.
 Where: City Hall
 \$7 (resident); \$12 (non-resident)
 Deadline: one week before

FREE Trick or Treat Event
 Come to City Hall and the Police Station dressed in costume and visit each department for a treat so bring a treat bag. Call (952) 447-9820 for large groups.



When: Oct. 29
 Time: 9-3 p.m.
 Where: City Hall

Dino Day

Play with toy dinosaurs and make cool dinosaur crafts. Get a treat bag. Class limit: 12 kids.

When: Nov. 10
 Time: 10-11 a.m.
 Who: 2 and older with parent/grandparent
 Where: City Hall
 \$7 (resident); \$12 (non-resident)
 Deadline: one week before or when full

Old Log Theater Trip Puss in Boots

Take a bus trip from the library to Excelsior for a classic fairy tale told with humor and charm and magic, and bring money for lunch at McDonalds on the way back.
 When: Dec. 1
 Time: 9 am-1:30 p.m.
 \$12 (resident); \$17 (non-resident)
 Deadline: one week before or when full
 Who: all ages

Elves at the City Hall

Register soon and keep your "little elf" busy with some holiday craft fun and treats at City Hall.
 Take home a holiday box of treats.
 Who: 2 & up with parent/grandparent
 When Dec. 8
 Time: 10-11 a.m.
 \$7 (resident); \$12 (non-resident)
 Deadline: Dec. 1

Events and News:

Apple Pie Social on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. Sponsored by McKenna Crossing.

Dance to the "Hi Hats" live, or just enjoy the music and refreshments on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Senior Linkage Line speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Club Prior. Learn about Medicare Options and Part D. This volunteer does not sell nor endorse any supplement to Medicare.

Learn to Live a brain healthy lifestyle workshop on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library.

Free guided tour of Minnesota's Greatest Generation exhibit and more at the Minnesota History Center on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Space is limited; you must register at the Recreation Department, Club Prior, or call (952) 447-9820.

Pumpkin Pie Social on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. Sponsored by McKenna Crossing.

"Remembering the Good War" presentation by Thomas Saylor, examines the Minnesota voices from Europe and the Pacific on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library.

Craft Day is Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. at Club Prior. Make a small foldout photo book. Supplies are furnished.

A rep from the CAP Agency will talk about services for food, heating bills and more on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m.

Appetizer Day at Club Prior is Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. Share a favorite appetizer or recipe. Microwave available.

Pecan Pie Social on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. Sponsored by McKenna Crossing.

Christmas cards for sale at Club Prior. Packs of 10 for \$1.

Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. All welcome.

Check out other trips and activities at
www.cityofpriorlake.com
 or call Debbie at (952) 447-9783.