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A message from our Mayor:

Lakefront Days Embodies Our Small-town Atmosphere

I have been asked more than once, “What does our City do to foster, preserve and build upon our small town values? My answer is found in our 2030 Vision Statement which says: “Prior Lake maintains its unique community identity through the recognition and celebration of our small town values of family, education, courage, pride, honesty and human worth. Volunteerism, civic duty and community pride enrich the city and its residents.”

But the real answer is in our community gatherings like Lakefront Days. In its 22 years of existence, Lakefront Days has been a galvanizing event for our citizenry and the embodiment of the small town values enumerated above.

Consider the following:

The **Medallion Hunt** has become a popular family activity through which civic responsibility like reading the local newspaper and becoming familiar with our impressive park system is encouraged.

Laker Idol showcases home-grown talents from our community in all age groups for the rest of us to appreciate.

The **Lakefront Days Parade, Classic Car Cruise** and **Motorcycle Cruise** all feature area residents and others who participate in businesses, social, civic and education roles in the community in their daily lives.

The **Taste of Prior Lake** shows off the culinary diversity and tastes that our community can choose from.

The **Kiddie Parade** and **Teddy Bear Picnic and Story** emphasize our orientation to our youth.

The **Ice Cream Social, Open Air Movie** and the **Lakers Hall of Fame Induction Banquet** have become part of the structure of Lakefront Days and are slices of historic Americana offered with our Prior Lake families in mind.

But Lakefront Days would not exist but for the willingness of hundreds of our citizens to give up their free time so that you and your families can be entertained.

It takes hundreds of people and thousands of hours year around to make Lakefront Days possible. Our partners, the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and many more, including City employees, participate in so many different ways.

According to a new report by the federally funded Corporation for National and Community Service, Minnesota is where you'll find the cities with the highest volunteer rates in the nation. In cities like Prior Lake, it is not uncommon to have more than one in every three citizens offer their services to help others. That means almost 7,000 Prior Lake citizens contribute every year!

As mayor, I encourage you to volunteer your time and participate in its many events and make Lakefront Days a success. In doing so, you and your family will be building on our small town values while having fun.

For more information on Lakefront Days (Tuesday, July 31 to Sunday, Aug. 5), contact the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce at (952) 440-1000 or www.priorlakechamber.com; or contact the City of Prior Lake at (952) 447-9800 or www.cityofpriorlake.com.

Lakefront Days is yet another reason that Prior Lake is a wonderful place to call home.

Mayor Jack Haugen