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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11**

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### **City offices to close for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**

City offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. Regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The holiday will impact the regularly scheduled meeting of the Prior Lake City Council, which will now meet Tuesday, Jan. 17 starting at 7 p.m.

### **Business owner, resident sought for city traffic safety committee**

The City of Prior Lake will accept applications through Friday, Jan. 13, for two vacancies on its traffic safety committee, which meets bimonthly to evaluate a wide variety of traffic and parking issues in the city.

One city resident and one city business owner are being sought to serve one-year terms on the committee, which already consists of council members Cheri Dornbush and Warren Erickson, Police Chief Bill O'Rourke, Public Works Director/City Engineer Steve Albrecht, Public Works Coordinator Makenzie McCormick, and Scott County Traffic Engineer Joe Gustafson.

Among the responsibilities of the Traffic Safety Committee in 2006 will be to review and comment regarding the establishment of an Accident Reduction Zone along the County Road 21 corridor from County Road 82, past the Wagon Bridge, through the downtown area, and past Fish Point Road and the Deerfield Industrial Park to County Road 87.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, you can download a Microsoft Word version of the application at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com), fill it out, and e-mail it back to Administrative Assistant Charlotte Green at [cgreen@cityofpriorlake.com](mailto:cgreen@cityofpriorlake.com).

For additional information or to have an application mailed to you, contact Green at (952) 447-9803.

### **City continuing CR 21 traffic enforcement**

At the urging of the City Council, the Prior Lake Police Department has increased its traffic enforcement efforts along County Road 21 between county roads 82 and 87. These enforcement efforts will continue until the police department is directed otherwise.

The purpose of the action is to identify the speeders and inattentive drivers and to more aggressively warn and ticket motorists who do not abide by the posted speed limits, which vary throughout the corridor. Drivers are urged to pay attention to the signs.

Eighty-one stops have been made to date for excessive speed. Of those stopped, 46 percent are Prior Lake residents.

The directive for increased enforcement comes at a time when the number of accidents along the corridor are increasing and in response to concerns expressed by residents attempting to turn onto CR 21 from Fish Point Road, which also serves as a primary access for the fire department

and the new industrial park in the city.

For additional information, contact Police Chief Bill O'Rourke at (952) 440-3555.

### **Learn how to build a deck during March 18 seminar**

If you are thinking about building a deck this summer but don't know for sure where to start, the timing is perfect for you to participate in a free seminar on Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at Prior Lake Fire Station No. 1.

The seminar, entitled "How to Build a Deck," will be led by experienced members of the Prior Lake Building Inspection Department. During the three-hour seminar, you will learn how to obtain a permit, how to locate the deck on your house and property, how to design the deck's frame, and the basics about footings, decking, railings and stairs. A question-and-answer session will conclude the seminar.

The fire station is located at 16776 Fish Point Road SE – approximately one mile east of the Highway 13/County Road 21 intersection. The seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. **Call (952) 447-9850 to register.**

### **COMING IN TWO WEEKS ... It's Winter Blast 2006!**

Grab your skates and your sled and visit beautiful Lakefront Park on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon for the first-ever Winter Blast.

Formerly known as the Community Sled and Skate Party, this free family event has expanded this year and will feature a slap shot challenge in addition to the popular sledding and skating, horse-drawn wagon rides and arts and crafts inside the heated pavilion. A magician will also be there to entertain young and old.

Snow or no snow, the event will go on. No preregistration is necessary for this fun event brought to you annually by the Prior Lake Parks and Recreation Department. See you there!

### **Registration deadline approaching for Science Museum trip**

Tour exhibits and watch Baja Ocean Oasis, a new giant-screen film, when Prior Lake Parks and Recreation Department travels to the Science Museum Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Registration for this exciting learning experience for ages 3 to 6 with parent will continue through Wednesday, Feb. 1 at Prior Lake Fire Station No. 1, 16776 Fish Point Road SE.

The film is a fascinating journey into the bountiful seas and pristine deserts of two remarkably different, but inextricably linked works: Mexico's Sea of Cortez and Baja California desert. Glide with a graceful giant manta ray as it arches and swoops through water sparkling under the hot Baja California sun.

Cost is \$12.50 per child, \$16 per parent. If you are not a resident of Prior Lake, the cost is \$17.50 per child, \$21 per parent. The bus will pick up at 11 a.m. and drop off at 2:45 p.m. at the Prior Lake Library, 16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE.

For more information, call (952) 447-4230 or (952) 447-9820.

### **Seniors invited to enjoy games, refreshments at next Social**

The Prior Lake Parks and Recreation Department will host its next Senior Social event on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lakefront Park pavilion. The event gives seniors a chance to visit with friends while playing games like bingo and cards. Refreshments will be served.

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