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## **NEWS RELEASES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

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### **Outdoor water restrictions take effect on Monday**

Starting May 1, all outside sprinkling, irrigation, car washing and other nonessential outdoor use of the city's municipal water system is restricted to an odd/even system.

Residents whose home addresses end in an even number may water lawns or use an outside hose before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m. only on even-numbered calendar days.

Residents whose home addresses end in an odd number may water lawns or use an outside hose before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m. only on odd-numbered calendar days.

Exceptions are made for landscaping, including newly-seeded or sodded lawns within the first 30 days of placement. To obtain a permit, call (952) 440-9675.

### **Second phase of hydrant flushing starts Monday**

The focus of the Public Works Department's spring hydrant flushing activities will shift to neighborhoods west of upper and lower Prior Lake on Monday, May 1. All areas will be signed before flushing. For more information, call (952) 440-9675.

### **Roll into Lakefront Skate Park starting May 13**

Hey, kids! Another exciting season at the Lakefront Skate Park begins Saturday, May 6! Admission is free, although participants under the age of 18 will not be admitted without a parent-signed waiver.

From May 6 through May 29, the skate park will be open weekends only from noon to 7 p.m.

Regular season hours of noon to 8 p.m., seven days a week, begin May 30 and continue through Sept. 2. From 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, there will also be sessions for those 12 and under.

From Sept. 3 through 30, the park will be open weekends only, noon to 7 p.m.

The skate park will be closed May 29 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day) and Sept. 4 (Labor Day).

The skate park is located adjacent to the upper parking lot in Lakefront Park, 5000 Kop Parkway.

For more information about the skate park, call (952) 447-4230 or (952) 447-9820.

### **Farmers Market opening set for May 13**

The fourth season of the Prior Lake Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 13 at its Pleasant Street location between Highway 13 and Main Avenue.

The market will be open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, through the middle of October.

Parking is available on Main Avenue and in the municipal lot at 4635 Colorado St.

For additional information about this year's market, contact Karla Haugen, (952) 447-0263.

### **'Daddy and Me' class planned for May 13**

Children ages 3 to 7 and their fathers can make a special Mother's Day gift during the Daddy and Me class set for Saturday, May 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Lakefront Park Pavilion, 5000 Kop Parkway. The event is sponsored by the Prior Lake Recreation Department.

Cost is \$8 per child with parent.

Registrations are being taken in the Recreation Department at Fire Station No. 1, 16776 Fish Point Road S.E. Call (952) 447-9820 or (952) 447-4230 for more information.

## **Resist urge to fill pool until after May 22**

If you have a swimming pool, you could save a few bucks on your summer utility bills by waiting until May 22 to fill it and take your first plunge of the season.

Summer utility bills have a sewer rate cap, in which the sewer charge is applied to a maximum of 150 percent of the average of your winter billings. In other words, if you average 20,000 gallons during the winter, your cap for the sewer charge would be 30,000 gallons. All water used in excess of this amount would be charged at the water rate but would not be charged the sewer rate.

The June 1 water and sewer bill is the last billing cycle that contributes to this average calculation. Therefore, using water before May 22 to fill a pool inflates the usage and pushes the average higher, negatively impacting summer utility bills.

## **Police stepping up seat belt enforcement**

Before you start your engine for a summer road trip, remember to buckle up!

Prior Lake police officers conduct additional patrols in May as part of a statewide seat belt enforcement sweep. The Safe & Sober effort is coordinated by the Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety.

Last May, Prior Lake police issued 61 seat belt citations, which range in cost from \$25 to \$115 with court costs and added fees.

"On a road of uncertainties -- including impaired drivers and speeders -- the best defense you have in the case of a crash is a seat belt," said Prior Lake Police Sgt. Greg Zollner.

## **Stormwater policy changes to be considered**

In an effort to improve surface water quality and watershed management, the city is proposing to update its policy and rules regarding stormwater. Changes will affect those planning to develop property as well as those who live downstream or enjoy the lakes downstream of any developing areas.

On Monday, May 22, the Planning Commission will consider two items related to surface water management. One, the surface water management plan, will be the subject of a public hearing. The other will be updates to the city's public works design manual, which sets engineering standards for the city. These standards guide land developers in the design of water quality and stormwater management systems in new subdivisions.

Proposed changes are open for public review on the city Web site or in person at the Maintenance Center during the month of May. Public comment will be accepted in writing, by e-mail or phone through May 31. After the review by the Planning Commission, the policy and rules documents will be forwarded to the City Council at their June 5 meeting.

For more information, contact Water Resource Engineer Ross Bintner at 447-9831 or by email at [rbintner@cityofpriorlake.com](mailto:rbintner@cityofpriorlake.com)

## **Raspberry Ridge added to summer playground**

The "Fishing for Fun" playground session scheduled for June 12-22 has been expanded to include a new session at Raspberry Ridge Park for 6- to 12-year-old children. Times are 12:30 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

This program is designed to provide a wide variety of supervised recreation activities including arts, crafts, games, and special activities. Participants receive a t-shirt and water bottle. Registrations are being taken in the Recreation Department at Fire Station No. 1, 16776 Fish Point Road S.E. Call (952) 447-9820 or (952) 447-4230 for more information.

## **Still time to register for summer rec activities**

The Prior Lake Recreation Department offers many activities for a variety of age groups for the summer. Registrations are being taken for the tot lot and playground programs, special event trips, tennis lessons, day camps, lacrosse camps, water ski lessons and mini-sports camps.

For more information call 447-9820 or 447-4230 or visit [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com).

## **Sign up today for popular St. Croix Casino trip**

Join the Prior Lake Recreation Department on Wednesday, May 10 for our popular casino trip to Turtle Lake, Wis. The fee is \$5 per person (\$10 for nonresidents) and includes deluxe bus transportation with juice and rolls, and \$5 in quarters that you may use for slots, to purchase a buffet coupon or to simply put into your pocket.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the municipal parking lot and Lakefront Plaza and return at 4 p.m. Registrations will be taken in the Prior Lake Recreation Department at Fire Station No. 1, 16776 Fish Point Road SE, through Wednesday, May 3.

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