



# Prior Lake Recreation

To register or find all current and upcoming programs, trips and events, visit [www.cityofpriorlake.com/recreation](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/recreation) or call (952) 447-9820 Weather Hotline: (952) 447-9825

## Adult Summer Leagues

Find Summer Bean Bag, Softball and Volleyball league and registration information online.

## Softball Umpires Wanted

For USSSA adult leagues in Prior Lake, Savage, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Eagan, and Lakeville. If interested, please contact Pete Strand: 612-636-7963 or [peterstrand2@aol.com](mailto:peterstrand2@aol.com)

## Summer Recreation Program Registration Opens March 1

Summer registration will open on Friday, March 1 at 9 a.m. A few of your favorites are back such as Messy Art and Dodgeball Diehards as well as many new programs for all age ranges. New programs include Outdoor Skills & Thrills, Daytrippers, Terrific Scientific, Spanish Week, Shark Week and many more. Catalogs will be delivered to Prior Lake mailboxes mid-February.

## Summer Employment Opportunities - Become a Rec. Leader

The City of Prior Lake Recreation Department seeks enthusiastic recreation leaders who are good role models and enjoy being around children. Deadline to apply is March 27. For more information call 952-447-9820. Seasonal positions also available in the Parks and Streets departments. Applications can be found online at [www.cityofpriorlake.com/jobs](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/jobs).

## Vibe

FREE live music every Tuesday in March 2019 at Club Prior. Vibe is a partnership between the Scott County Library and the City of Prior Lake and is free and open to the public. Events are held at Club Prior in the library building. Call with questions, 952-447-3375 or 952-447-9783, or visit [www.scottlib.org](http://www.scottlib.org) or [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com)  
Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 7-8:30 p.m. – Bands: Swingbeat, Moonlight  
6:30-7 p.m. – Dance Instruction Serenaders & Salsa del Sol

## Rent A Kop Family Community Garden Plot

Registration is open for Kop Family Community Garden plots in Lakefront Park. Limit one garden plot per household per season. All plots are 10' x 20' in size. There is a required spring meeting at 6 p.m. on Wed., April 17. Cost: \$45/resident; \$60/non-resident

## Bunny Yoga & Hoppy Hour

Bunny Yoga is as cute as it sounds! Join us April 6 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., cost is \$25/person. We welcome your bunny if it is fixed and socialized. Find full details online.

### CITY OF PRIOR LAKE

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### City Council

Kevin Burkart (952) 457-8066  
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**Council meetings are the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall**

### Maintenance Center

(17073 Adelman St. SE)  
Maintenance Center Hours: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Public Works (952) 447-9896



Club Prior at the Prior Lake Library  
16210 Eagle Creek Ave. SE, Suite 101  
Tuesdays - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
(952) 447-9783  
[lyoung@cityofpriorlake.com](mailto:lyoung@cityofpriorlake.com)

## U.S. Bank Stadium Tour

Our guided adventure through U.S. Bank Stadium will give you behind-the-scenes access to the home of the Minnesota Vikings. This is a 90-minute walking tour so please be prepared to spend time on your feet and wear good shoes! This luxury coach tour is in partnership with the YMCA. Transportation, tour, lunch and all gratuities included in this fantastic tour. \$75/person. Tour date: Feb. 27, Registration Deadline: Feb. 12.

## Sneak peek at upcoming tours

Minnesota Twins Game: May 15  
Top Golf: May or June  
Twin Pines Fishing Launch & Grand Casino  
Mille Lacs Casino: July And many more!

## Forget Me Not: Keeping the End in Mind

In partnership with the Scott County Library, Club Prior will be hosting a free all day event in March with discussions, panels, resources and activities around Alzheimer's/Dementia. Lunch with opportunities to have your wills, directives and questions answered by legal aids, realtors, and healthcare workers. Join us for a day of resources, memories that you will be able to pass on to loved ones, and much more. Call 952-447-9783 for the specific date in March.

## Spring Tea - Save the Date!

The annual event will be held Wed., May 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Police Department (4649 Dakota St. SE)

Daytime phone:  
(952) 440-3555  
Emergency 911

### Fire Department (Station No. 1: 16776 Fish Point Rd. SE) (Station No. 2: 3906 Station Place NW)

Daytime phone: (952) 440-3473  
Emergency 911



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# The Wavelength



*Prior Lake is a vibrant and welcoming life-long community, offering a high quality of life and a small-town feel*

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[www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com)

## A Message from Prior Lake's New City Manager



Michael Plante

Hello Prior Lake Citizens,

Starting on February 7, 2019, I am looking forward to the honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Prior Lake! While I will be a new resident to the City, the warm welcome that I've received so far has made me and my family feel like lifelong residents of the community.

By way of background, I've spent about the last five years serving as a County Administrator in southeastern Minnesota overseeing an organization of nearly 170 employees that provides services

ranging from law enforcement to maintaining and improving the area's transportation system. Prior to that, I served as an Assistant County Attorney providing civil legal advice to the organization and also prosecution of criminal cases.

Again, I am truly grateful to be selected to serve the citizens, council, and staff of Prior Lake and I look forward to meeting you personally!

Sincerely,

Michael Plante

## Water Meter Replacement Program Continues in 2019

### What to expect from my meter change?

- **Roughly 30-90 minutes to change out the meter and transmitter (depending on accessibility and condition of pipe joints).**
  - The visit will be more efficient if you find your meter and clear out a 3 foot space around it.
  - Every property will have its radio transmitter replaced.
  - Water meters installed before 2010 will be replaced.
- **Make sure the valve on the street side of the meter is in working order before you schedule with Ferguson.**
  - If not, have a plumber repair or install one so you don't have to reschedule your appointment.
  - If you need to make repairs to the valve you can ask to schedule your meter-replacement appointment for the same time so they're all done at once.
- **Your water bills may change after the replacement.**
  - Old meters can slow down as they corrode or collect grit over the years, so your bills may increase slightly with a new clean meter.
  - If the battery in your old radio transmitter died the city may have estimated your most recent bills.
    - If the city over-estimated you'll see a credit on your bill after the new meter is installed. The credit covers the over-charges when the bill was over-estimated.
    - If the city under-estimated you may see a higher bill the first month after the new meter is installed. This is the "catch-up" needed to make up the difference between the under-estimates and your actual water use. Note that the meter was always working, but the dead radio transmitter meant that the City couldn't obtain the reading.
    - One of the goals of this meter-replacement project is to eliminate such estimates.

For more information visit [cityofpriorlake.com/watermeter](http://cityofpriorlake.com/watermeter)

## Parks & Trails Master Plan Update

We are headed towards the finish line! The City of Prior Lake greatly appreciates all of the valuable community input and ongoing involvement in the creation of the draft Prior Lake Parks & Trails Master Plan. We are anticipating the draft Prior Lake Parks & Trails Master Plan to be available on the City website this summer which can be found at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com). The plan is currently being finalized and will soon be moving towards the final approval process during the upcoming months. We encourage you to attend the City Council meeting, anticipated in August, for a recommendation to adopt the final Prior Lake Parks & Trails Master Plan where you are encouraged to voice your opinion of the plans, goals and recommendations. We are very proud of the passion the residents have for their parks, lakes, trails, and recreation and this plan could not have been completed without you!

## 2019 Fee Schedule Changes

During the 2019 budget process, the City Council was presented with proposed changes to the City's fee schedule. The fee schedule lists the rates, charges, and fees charged by the City for a variety of services. The major changes to the fee schedule include increase to the utility rates and development fees.

Prior Lake residents will see a modest increase in utility rates that include water, sewer and storm water. These fees fund operating and capital costs for the water, sewer, and stormwater utility funds. The capital costs include the underlying utility work on our street reconstruction projects which are funded by the utility user charges. The Metropolitan Council also increased their 2019 waste water charge. This cost increase is passed on to residents, and resulted in a \$.14 increase in the MCES portion of the sewer rate.

Developers will also see increased fees for new developments, utility connection, water and sewer permits.

The City Council also approved modest increases to permit and license fees to support technology costs incurred by the City.

To see the 2019 fee schedule, visit [www.cityofpriorlake.com/finance.php](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com/finance.php)

### Summer Sewer Lock

We bill sewer based on water consumption, however, we provide a summer sewer lock. (City ordinance 704.404 Sanitary Sewer Rate Cap) Residents pay 1.5 times the average of the Feb and April consumption. The summer sewer lock is intended to consider pool filling, lawn and garden sprinkling, etc. that do not flow into the sanitary sewer system. Beginning in 2019, the summer sewer lock/sanitary sewer rate cap will be adjusted. It will no longer include the June and December billing cycles. Residents will still receive the summer sewer lock on their August and October utility bills which cover the period from May 21-September 20.

# FOUR WAYS TO PREPARE FOR 13-21 SUMMER CONSTRUCTION



### GET FAMILIAR WITH STAGING

The City of Prior Lake, Scott County, MnDOT, and project consultants have composed draft staging plans that specify two main stages during 2019 construction. Stage 1 will occur from spring to mid-summer, and stage 2 will occur from mid-summer to fall. The project website gives specific detail about these stages, such as sub-stage areas, access, and timing. View the staging maps and let us know how construction will impact you at [www.movingforward13-21.com/construction](http://www.movingforward13-21.com/construction).



### BOOKMARK MOVINGFORWARD13-21.COM

The Moving Forward 13-21 website will be your one-stop shop for all things construction. Check the website regularly for updated project information, including meeting details for the pre-construction open house in Spring 2019.



### KNOW YOUR DETOUR ROUTE

During the construction of each stage, official detours will be marked for the public. Both detours are anticipated to add about four minutes to the total trip time. Local detour routes will also be marked for those heading downtown or to South Lake Village.



### SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES

Email updates will be the primary way the project team will communicate all things construction-related. This will include construction and staging/detour updates. Sign up at [movingforward13-21.com](http://movingforward13-21.com) today to stay informed!

## City Code Reminders:

Code Enforcement  
Officer Dale Stefanisko  
(952) 447-9811

### Standard Enforcement Policy

The City of Prior Lake supports residents in maintaining their neighborhoods through standards set in local ordinances. Code Enforcement has a policy that details the standard inspection process, including criteria for extensions, enforcement, compliance and citations. The complete code enforcement policy and city code is available online at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com).

### Code Violation Concerns and Reporting

A resident can contact the Code Enforcement Officer with a question or concern and a site visit will be made. If a violation is confirmed at the inspection, the property owner is notified and given a deadline to make the correction. If it becomes necessary, a misdemeanor citation may be issued following reasonable amount of time for continued non-compliance. A citation requires the property owner to appear at Scott County District Court, typically resulting in a fine and confirmation that the violation has been corrected.



### 701.100 REMOVE SNOW, RUBBISH:

It shall be unlawful for any property owner or occupant not to remove snow ice or rubbish from his abutting sidewalks **within 48 hours** after the end of a snow event and it shall be the primary responsibility of said owner or occupant to perform said removal for the **full width of the sidewalk**.

**NOTE: Please do not plow snow onto or across a public street**

## Need a Ride? Let SmartLink Help

Winter is here and transportation can often be a challenge for residents in the Prior Lake area. Cold weather, slippery roads and Old Man Winter can make driving difficult. Planning your ride request ahead of time can help eliminate transportation challenges for many.

SmartLink is Scott County's transit provider which includes Dial-A-Ride. Dial-A-Ride buses operate 7 days a week in Scott County and reservations can be scheduled Monday-Friday by calling Customer Service at 952.496.8341

Option 1. Please call to schedule your request 2-3 days in advance. For fare and additional service information please visit [www.smartlinktransit.org](http://www.smartlinktransit.org)

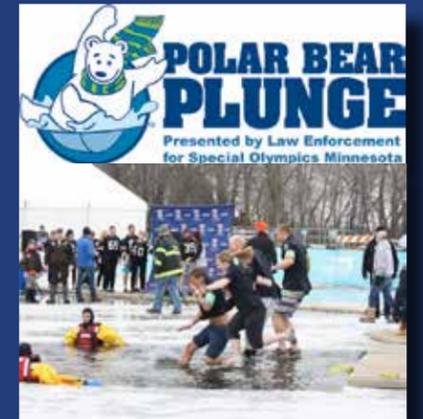


Post me on the fridge!

## The Wavelength Event Calendar

**Feb. 2** Party in the Club  
Once Upon a Castle at Club Prior  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Feb. 16** Polar Plunge  
at Sand Point Beach at 12 p.m.  
Check-in begins at 10 a.m.



**Feb. 18** City Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day and will re-open Tuesday, Feb. 19.

**Feb. 23** Party in the Club  
Jammie Jam at Club Prior  
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**March 1** Registration opens at 9 a.m. for summer youth recreation programs.  
[cityofpriorlake.com/recreation](http://cityofpriorlake.com/recreation)

**April 6** Bunny Yoga & Hoppy Hour  
10 - 11 a.m. Yoga  
11 - 12 p.m. Hoppy Hour  
Ages 18+; \$25

## PRIOR LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

**Feb. 20:** Nachos and Networking  
4 - 6 p.m., Charlie's on Prior

**Mar. 20:** Progressive Luncheon  
11:30 a.m., Brackets Crossing

**Apr. 4:** Ladies Night Out  
4:30 - 8:30 p.m., Sailer's Greenhouse