

# Chamber News



October 2011 4785 Dakota Street, P.O. Box 114, Prior Lake, MN 55372

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## Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

RSVP before October 14

Cost of lunch is \$15, all lunches need to be pre-paid, due to the full capacity of this networking luncheon.

## Progressive Lunch

Brackett's Crossing Country Club

17976 Judicial Road, Lakeville

Bring 40+ business cards\*

Networking and check-in begins at 11:30 am.

Upon check-in, you will receive a nametag that has three different symbols on it, the symbols tell you where you will be during the 1st, 2nd and 3rd courses. There is time to pass cards around and there is a topic at each table.

\*Please leave extra business cards with Chamber and we will display your cards at the office.

*It isn't 'WHAT' you know, It is 'WHO' you know and will meet and pass your business card to!*

**This is one of your benefits!**

*The Prior Lake Chamber does it best to assign you three different tables with 21 unique people and businesses. Due to cancellations, or last minute changes, we do apologize if you sit with someone twice.*



**Thank you to our event sponsors: Above All Hardwood Floors & Carpet, BLUE PC, Edina Realty, Integra Telcom, NOREX Inc., Prior Lake State Bank, St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Springer Exteriors, The UPS Store-Savage/Prior Lake & Wirtz Beverage.**

### Executive Board 2011

#### PRESIDENT

Gary Meyer, Prior Lake State Bank  
952-447-2101  
Term: 1/09-12/12

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Rick Heinz, South Metro Federal Credit Union  
952-445-0888  
Term: 1/10-12/13

#### TREASURER

Cheryl Wilfond, Flowers Naturally  
952-447-7111  
Term: 1/10-12/12

#### SECRETARY

Shelley Chase, US Bank  
952-226-8300  
Term: 1/11-12/13

#### PAST PRESIDENT

Dave Chromy, Village Market  
952-440-3900  
Term: 1/08-12/11

#### Board of Directors

Chad LeMair,  
Above All Hardwood Floors & Carpet/  
Performance Construction  
952-440-9663  
Term: 1/11-12/11

Barbara Johnson, Art Johnson Trucking  
952-447-2277  
Term: 1/11-12/12

Lynn Nicolai, Bankers Closing Services, LLC  
952-955-8111  
Term: 1/07-12/11

Dawn Emerson, Bell Mortgage  
952-440-2451  
Term: 1/10-12/11

Adam Blahnik, Blahnik Law Office PLLC  
952-479-0449  
Term: 1/10-12/12

Rachel VanDenBoom, Edina Realty  
952-447-4700  
Term: 1/10-12/11

Kami Thompson, New Horizon Academy  
952-445-6701  
Term: 1/11-12/12

#### City Liaison

Kelly Meyer (1/05)  
952-447-9802

#### School Liaison

Kristi Mussman (1/07)  
952-226-0014

#### Chamber Staff

Sandi Fleck, Executive Director (5/02)  
952-440-1000 952-200-2713 cell

## Thoughts from our President, Gary Meyer, Prior Lake State Bank

Well summer is gone... or is it? With some beautiful weather these last few weeks, we can only hope it continues for another month or two! I think the best tell signs that summer is over is that the children are back to school, football season is off to a great start, unless you're a Vikings fan, and baseball's playoffs get under way... and since the Twins are not in the playoffs my favorite team is any team playing the Yankees.



Our September meeting was a very nice show case of our non profits... it just amazes me how many wonderful organizations we have in our community and that so many people get involved volunteering their time on top of their income producing jobs and families. It makes me appreciate everyone that contributes to the chamber knowing how many other wonderful organizations are available... so if you know of anyone looking to get involved and contribute to the community, hand them a chamber business directory or have them go online [www.priorlakechamber.com](http://www.priorlakechamber.com) to view the many non profit organizations. Thank you to the VFW, our chamber Business of the Year, for hosting our meeting.

Also in September was our annual Fall Community Fest. I couldn't believe how full the High School parking lot was when I pulled in. A huge thank you to all those that attended whether as a vendor, patron, or both! You can go online and see pictures of how full the gymnasium was at different times during the event. Hats off to both Chambers, Community Education for co-organizing this fantastic event.

October 19th is our membership meeting that will be held at Brackett's Crossing. This meeting will host our popular "Progressive Lunch" meeting. Please RSVP by October 14! We fill up fast and because of the nature of the event we are unable to take walk-ins, or non-members so again, please, please, please RSVP.

Other upcoming events... Are you a newer member? Sandi and myself will be hosting New Member Orientation 101 on October 26<sup>th</sup>. We held our first of such meetings back in July with a very good turnout. This meeting gives our new members a taste of what to expect from the Prior Lake Chamber, what opportunities are available to show case their business, and which events are in need of volunteers. Invites will be sent out soon.

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is Lakefront Dazzle with a parade and fireworks scheduled starting at 6:00. Look for registration forms coming to your inbox in October.

New board member applications closed at the end of September. We will be forwarding one ballot to each member to vote on the new board members in the next few days. Thank you for all those that have submitted their application!

In closing for this month as I will for each month, I will ask each of you... are you getting the most out of the Prior Lake Chamber? If not, are you putting the most into it? Become active as a SPONSOR of one our numerous events and get your business name recognized. If you can't become a sponsor, become a VOLUNTEER and make yourself present at one or more of the events and meet people, talk to them, let them get to know you... and they will eventually become one of your clients.

## Welcome New Members to the Prior Lake Chamber



Jodi Boller  
Beauty In the Grain  
Prior Lake MN 55372  
952.201.4159

Ken Paulson  
Paulson Brothers  
Prior Lake MN 55372  
612.386.6611

Adam Bressler  
Builders & Remodelers  
3517 Hennepin Avenue S.  
Minneapolis MN 55408  
612.827.5481

Terry Hutchinson  
Prior Lake Snowmobile Association  
Prior Lake MN 55372  
952.447.2330

Susan Hannesson  
Kindercare  
14014 South Highway 13  
Savage MN 55378  
952-440-2677

Carol Hauser  
Right At Home  
9000 Old Cedar Avenue S. Suite 1  
Bloomington MN 55425  
952.854.6122

Andrew Brudevold  
PAAR Sports, LLC  
8160 County Rd 42 W, Suite 300  
Savage MN 55378  
612.424.2101

Personal Touch Mgmt  
Summer Meadows Home Owners Assoc  
PO Box 5233  
Hopkins MN 55343  
952.238.1121

**The Prior Lake Chamber is proud to be at 300+ members!  
Thank you for being a part of this Chamber!**



# City Newswire

## Community's Free Autumn Gathering Set for Oct. 1

Come for the FREE family fun, crafts, horse drawn wagon rides, kettle corn, cider, hot chocolate, music, pony rides, inflatables and more on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Lakefront Park, 5000 Kop Pkwy., in Prior Lake.



## Prior Lake Fire Department Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8

Residents are encouraged to attend the Prior Lake Fire Station Open House on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include tours, fire truck and ambulance displays, a North Air helicopter, fire hose spray, smoke house survival demonstrations, extinguishers for sale, treats and more. Station No. 1 is located at 16776 Fish Point Rd. SE. The open house is part of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. Click on the banner below to learn more about how to prevent home fires and more.

## Prior Lake Cable Access Moving to Channel 8 on Oct. 17

Prior Lake Government Access Cable Television will move from Channel 15 to Channel 8 on your Mediacom receiver beginning Monday, Oct. 17. According to Mediacom, the change is part of a master engineering plan to rollout out more services including more video content. This change will not affect the City's Integra IP Television Channel nor its streaming online video content.

## City Compost Site Will Be Open October 8 and 22.

The Prior Lake compost site is at the Maintenance Center, 17073 Adelmann St. SE in Prior Lake, is open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month through October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents can drop off leaves, grass clippings, brush and branches less than 8 inches in width. Waste containers or bags cannot be left on site. Signage will begin at County Rd. 21 and Fish Point Rd. southeast of downtown and proceed east on Cottonwood Ln. to the facility. For more information, contact Al Friedges at (952) 447-9852. The compost is brought to the SMSC Organics Recycling Facility and finished compost is available to residents for \$12 a cubic yard by calling the SMSC Land Department at (952) 496-6136.



## Fall Hydrant Flushing in Prior Lake Begins Oct. 10

Depending on weather, the public works department will begin fall hydrant flushing from Oct. 10 - 28 for Prior Lake including service areas in Spring Lake Township. The flushing purges stagnant water and minerals from the city's distribution system. During this period, run cold water and make sure it is clear before washing clothes. It is possible to experience yellow or brown water at times other than scheduled flushing. For more information call (952) 447-9891.

## FREE Swing Dance Set For Oct. 6 at Club Prior

Dancers of all ages and levels can join in a FREE Swing Dance and Dance Instruction with Gary Schulte's String Attack and swing dancers Bill and Shannon Butler on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Club Prior, adjacent to the Prior Lake Library at 16210 Eagle Creek Ave SE. For more information, call (952) 447-3375.

## Club Prior To Offer Expert Advice on Medicare Enrollment Starts Oct. 15

Medicare's annual enrollment period starts Oct. 15, and choosing the right option can be difficult. An expert from Senior Linkage Line – Minnesota's free information and assistance service – will give a presentation on Medicare on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m. at Club Prior. Two Medicare advisors will also be available for one-on-one appointments on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and Dec. 14. For more information call Deb at (952) 447-9783.

## Club Prior Wish List

Club Prior is looking for talented individuals to share their knowledge. Please call (952) 447-9783 if you would like to volunteer to teach classes or seminars. On our wish list are someone to lead a Writer's Club and a leader for a Wii Bowling league.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>October 5</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Membership Meeting Brackett's Crossing &amp; Country Club Topic: Progressive Lunch</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Membership Meeting Topic: Legislature Update Senator Claire Robling and Representative Michael Beard</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Invoices will be sent out for 2012 Prior Lake Chamber Dues</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>December 9</b>	<b>Lakefront Dazzle Parade, activities at Lakefront Park</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Membership Meeting/Christmas Party Fong's Event Center Topic: Christmas Party/Drawings</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Happy 2012!</b>	
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>January 18</b>	<b>Annual Membership Meeting 5:30 pm @ Legends Golf Club</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>February 1</b>	<b>2012 Chamber Dues need to be paid</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Ice Golf @ Captain Jack's</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Wedding Central @ Legends Golf Club</b>

# Ambassador's POP IN



## PRIOR LAKE CHAMBER AMBASSADOR VISITS FOR SEPTEMBER

Ambassadors include: Jenny Nagy, Terry Gutowski,  
Shelley Chase, Andrew Anthony and Paul Evans

### KinderCare



KinderCare – 14014 S. Hwy. 13, Savage  
Susan Hannesson

### Fairview Pharmacy



Fairview Pharmacy – 4151 Willowood St. SE, Prior Lake  
Amy Hagbom

### Tractor Supply



Tractor Supply – 16907 Highway 13 South, Prior Lake  
Zack

2012 is just around the corner and as every person and business does, the Chamber also reflects back to the year of what we have done, accomplished and what we hope to accomplish to help your business receive the exposure whether it is in events, expos, website or e-referrals.

If you have an idea that you would like us to pursue, please call Sandi at 952.440.1000 or email [sandi@priorlakechamber.com](mailto:sandi@priorlakechamber.com), that is exactly what we want to do is to promote you and your business!!

As we begin preparing for 2012, let us know what committees you would like to be a part of:

Ambassadors  
Ice Golf (first meeting is Oct. 3)  
Wedding Central (first meeting Oct. 21)  
Senior Luncheon  
Ladies Night Out  
Chamber Market  
Family BBQ  
Lakefront Days  
Fall Community Fest  
Christmas & Holiday Party  
Membership Planning Meetings  
Anything else?



## 2011 Lakefront Holiday Dazzle

**December 9; 6-8 pm**

It's that time of year again! The Holiday Season is upon us! To get us in the spirit of the upcoming season, the Chamber is sponsoring the Dazzle Parade and fireworks! Lakefront Holiday Dazzle is on Friday, December 9 at **Lakefront Park** from 6-8 pm. The schedule of Lakefront Holiday Dazzle is Lighting the Pavilion at 6 pm, fireworks at 6:05 pm and the parade will be immediately after the fireworks- approximately 6:15 pm.

Food and drink will be available for purchase, games, face painting by River Valley YMCA, crafts, Santa will be outside in the gazebo, pony rides sponsored by YMCA, drop off Toys for Tots/Canned goods to receive a bag of Kettle Korn from Integra Telecom. Music will be playing in and outside. Games and activities will be based on weather and the snow!! Check back to the website for full details. ([www.priorlakechamber.com](http://www.priorlakechamber.com))

### Lakefront Holiday Dazzle Parade- December 9, 2011

#### Please- no candy throwing or passing out!

1. All entries should be well lighted or highly visible.
2. Small generators can be used to power lights for floats.
3. Battery operated lights can also be purchased.
4. **No float may feature a 'live' Santa Claus. One is already provided for the parade.**
5. Any kind of an entry is welcome (horse drawn carriages, cars, flatbeds with a display, etc) providing they are well lit and highly visible.
6. For safety reasons, **nothing may be tossed from any entry during the parade.**
7. Sponsor's name should be prominently displayed, but should not overpower the theme of the entry.
8. Entries may choose to feature music to complete the theme of the float. Music is not mandatory, but adds a great deal to the entry. Even carolers are a great idea.
9. Entries should be constructed as to withstand dampness. Crepe paper, tissue paper and other paper products which would be damaged if it became wet should be avoided.
10. The lighted displays are very effective, trees and branches are especially effective.
11. Designated parade officials may remove any individual group, or entry from the parade that displays a less than professional behavior or presentation. They shall be the only person to put entries in the parade line of march.
12. All parade entries must sign a hold harmless agreement stating they are responsible for liability for their own entry and must not hold the coordination agency, the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce accountable for any damage or injury incurred.
13. All floats must have a holiday theme and/or characters are required! Be creative.
14. Lakefront Holiday Dazzle will be limited to the first 20 registrations.

Line up and check in begins at 5:30 p.m. at the parking lot of Pearson's Auto Body & Brad Hanson's ProFinishers off of Main Avenue/entrance of Lakefront Park. Please park and drop off at Kop Farm only!! There is a limited amount of registrations allowed. Parking- Only float vehicles in the parade will be allowed in the parade staging area on Main Street Auto Plaza. Local streets/parking lots at Lakefront Park will be available for parking.

Drop-off area: The drop-off for participants is Kop Farm off Main Avenue- ONLY.

Deadline is November 18<sup>th</sup> or when full.

A confirmation will be sent to you the first week of December.

There is a \$25 charge to be in the parade. All monies will go towards fireworks



*Also, when you invest in Lakefront Holiday Dazzle, you also are helping to pay for the fireworks and we thank you!*



**Deadline is November 18, 2011**  
**Participating Form for Lakefront Holiday Dazzle- December 9**

**Yes, I have read the rules.**

Business Name/Organization Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to donate to Lakefront Holiday Dazzles Fireworks. Amount**  
**\$\_\_\_\_\_**

*Signs will be made to thank our sponsors and you will be listed on every email from the chamber office.*

**\_\_\_ Yes, I will have a float in the Lakefront Holiday Dazzle**  
**\$25 Chamber Member Fee**  
**Please NO Handing out Candy during the parade.**

Description of float: (Mandatory field)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Float Entry    \_\_\_ Walking Entry    \_\_\_ Children 12 and Under Entry

\_\_\_ Check enclosed    VISA/MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ exp date

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation will be sent a week before with your location and other pertinent information about Lakefront Holiday Dazzle.

Mail to: Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce  
4785 Dakota Street SE  
Prior Lake, MN 55372  
952-440-1611 (Fax)