

Chamber News



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

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Membership Meeting

Prior Lake VFW #6208

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

RSVP before September 16

Non Profit Organizations

How much do you know about our local non profit organizations and how much they do for our community?

Check in begins at 11:30 am.
We will eat at noon



ST. GERTRUDE'S
HEALTH & REHABILITATION CENTER
Benedictine Health System

Prior Lake VFW Post 6208

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
South of the River

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



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.

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



With Lakefront Days 2011 now behind us, I would like to quickly thank all those that helped make this town's event a huge success. So thank you to all the volunteers, the vendors, the city staff, and all the patrons that attended Lakefront Days over the long weekend. A special thanks to the State Health Inspector that showed up on Thursday afternoon to check on licenses and permits without warning or previous announcements... another example of our state government working against us, rather than working with us. A simple heads up earlier in the week from the inspector to have all paperwork with us at the park would have gone a long ways to relieve the anxiety and tension that is already present when your setting up for the wine tasting / expo and 600 + patrons and vendors. And so a special thank you to our Chamber Director Sandi Fleck for all the preplanning, obtaining sponsors, managing the 3 days of activities, and dealing with our state inspector... Job well done!

Please sign in to our website to view photos from the fun filled Lakefront Days weekend.
www.priorlakechamber.com

Also wrapping up in August was the final Chamber Market on Thursday the 25th. We have some mixed reviews about this event, with some weeks bringing in nice sized crowds and others a bit less attended. Our plan will be to review, assess, and make changes to better our businesses for next year. Your comments are welcomed to help improve upon this event, so please forward your suggestions to myself or Sandi.

For those that attended the August membership lunch we were the beneficiary of some beautiful picnic weather (not too hot, not too humid, no bugs, no rain, and plenty of sun) at Memorial Park, with grill masters Dave Chromy and Rick Heinz preparing the brats and the rest of the chamber board helping with serving lunch. We appreciate everyone's participation in the Prior Lake Chamber in every aspect of membership.

Upcoming in September:

On Monday, September 19, the Prior Lake Chamber, Savage Chamber along with our Prior Lake-Savage School District hosts the annual Community Business Expo at the Prior Lake High School. This event provides a lot of information to the attendees about what is going on in our communities. Again if you have interest in exhibiting at this event, please contact Sandi at the Prior Lake Chamber office.

September 21 is our membership meeting that will be held at Prior Lake VFW. This meeting will host our popular "Progressive Lunch" meeting. Please RSVP by September 9! We fill up fast and because of the nature of the event we are unable to take walk-ins, so again, please, please, please RSVP.

“Shop Local, Shop Often”

In closing for this month as I have for the past months, 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.



City Newswire

Southbound Hwy. 13/101 in Savage to Briefly Close/ County Rd. 21 Extension to Hwy. 169 to Open

Southbound Hwy. 13 is tentatively scheduled to close between the intersection of Hwy. 13/101 and 126th St. during the weekend of Sept. 9. This section of roadway will be completely closed from 10 p.m. Friday night until 5 a.m. Monday morning as crews install sanitary sewer and water pipes beneath Hwy. 13.

The long-awaited opening of the County Rd. 21 extension in north Prior Lake that will more-directly connect the city to Hwy. 169 is scheduled to open before Sept. 1. County Rd. 21 is the only major road to bisect Upper and Lower Prior Lake, and it also connects Prior Lake to Dakota County, the Metropolitan area and the rest of the state on the east. County Rd. 21 in the downtown area presently handles about 11,000 vehicles per day. It is expected to almost triple to 27,000 vehicles per day by the year 2030.

Fire Department to Host 32nd Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sept. 11

Support your Prior Lake Volunteer Fire Department at the Prior Lake VFW in downtown Prior Lake on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 3 - 8 p.m. Enjoy great food and friends. All proceeds go to the department's equipment and operation costs. For more information, call Fire Chief Doug Hartman at (952) 440-3473.



Oak Wilt an Increasing Problem in Prior Lake

The fatal tree disease Oak Wilt has become a problem in Prior Lake. You can learn more about the disease, its symptoms, how to protect your trees, and how to prevent further spread should one of your trees be infected on PLTV, and on demand on the [City's Streaming Media website](#). For more information, click on the Oak Wilt informational brochure available at www.cityofpriorlake.com. If you spot a tree with disease symptoms, call the City Forester at (952) 447-9852. A certified tree inspector will be sent to check the tree.

City Compost Site Open on Saturday, Aug. 27 (And the 2nd and 4th Saturday Each Month)

For 2011, the Prior Lake compost site has moved from the shared SMSC site to the Maintenance Center, 17073 Adelman St. SE in Prior Lake. As in the past, the compost site will be open the second and fourth Saturdays of each month until 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) 447-9892. 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.

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.

Welcome Members!



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Cookie Lee-Jill Kalal
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Lakeville MN 55044
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The Prior Lake Chamber is proud to be at 300+ members!
Thank you for being a part of this Chamber!

THANK YOU LAKEFRONT DAYS SPONSORS!

Business Expo/Wine Tasting

Viking Liquor Barrel

Gold Sponsor/Movie Sponsor

Mediacom

Laker Variety Show:

Mod Sun
Prior Lake Optimist Club
Prior Lake Rotary
Sheldon Bryant

Classic Car Show:

Alan Iverson Agency-American Family Insurance
Anderson Insurance
Big R's Muscle Cars
Brad Hanson ProFinishers
Edina Realty
Mahowald Cabinets
Nikki O'Brien Agency-American Family Insurance
Northern Life Chiropractic
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Prior Lake State Agency
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Velishek Auto Sales
Village Liquor

Laker Idol:

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River Valley YMCA Prior Lake
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Prior Lake VFW
Stems & Vines
US Bank
Village Liquor
Village Market

Service Sponsors:

Buckingham Companies
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Coolies:

Edelweiss Bakery
New Market Bank
Ron Bush Agency-Farmer's Insurance
Buckingham Companies
MN Valley Electric Company

Family Movie:

New Horizon Academy
Shakopee Chevrolet

EVENT SPONSORS



<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
September 7	Board Meeting
September 19	Fall Community Fest @ Prior Lake High School
September 21	Membership Meeting Prior Lake VFW Topic: Non Profit Organizations
October 5	Board Meeting
October 19	Membership Meeting Brackett's Crossing & Country Club Topic: Progressive Lunch
November 2	Board Meeting
November 16	Membership Meeting Topic: Legislature Update
December 7	Board Meeting
December 9	Lakefront Dazzle Parade, activities at Lakefront Park
December 21	Membership Meeting/Christmas Party Fong's Event Center Topic: Christmas Party/Drawings
Happy 2012!	
January 4	Board Meeting
January 18	Annual Membership Meeting 5:30 pm @ Legends Golf Club
February 1	Board Meeting
February 4	Ice Golf @ Captain Jack's
February 19	Wedding Central @ Legends Golf Club

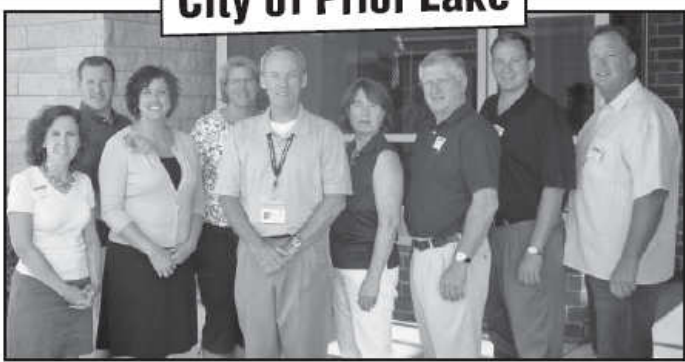
Ambassador's POP IN

Lakefront Days 2011

PRIOR LAKE CHAMBER AMBASSADOR VISITS FOR AUGUST

Ambassadors include: Jenny Nagy, Andrew Anthony, Shelley Chase, Nikki O'Brien, Debbie McGahey, Paul Evans, Terry Gutowski, Chris Johnson, Sandi Fleck (not pictured)

City of Prior Lake



City of Prior Lake
Frank Boyles

Flowers Naturally



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Cheryl Wilfond

Club Prior & The Twisted Loop Yarn Shop



Club Prior & The Twisted Loop Yarn Shop
Debbie Carlberg & Jenni Krosnowski





Business Exhibitor Registration Form

Fall Community Fest

Monday, September 19, 2011 6 to 8:30 PM

Prior Lake High School

7575 W. 150th St., Savage, MN 55378

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
Community Education Services
Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Savage Chamber of Commerce

Reserve a booth for _____
(Business Name)

Contact Person for your Business: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Check Enclosed _____

VISA/MC # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVS# _____

- \$125 Main Level BACK WALL (includes one 8' x 30" covered table) Chamber Member Fee
Limited- includes Electricity and a little bigger space with a wall behind (Map G1-G32)
You will need to bring your own extension cord
(Each chamber is limited to a certain amount of tables)
- \$100 Main Level Inside Rows (includes one 8' x 30" covered table) Chamber Member Fee (Map G33-G88)
- \$10.00 We would like to have flyers on the Business Expo Table- Chamber Member Fee
(300 flyers needed-drop off at chamber office)
- I am available as a **volunteer** to help with set-up 3:15 to 4:45 p.m.
- I am available as a **volunteer** to help with take down 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Please note: We will make every effort to accommodate your special requests and table location requests, but we cannot guarantee it. We highly recommend standing at or by your booth, however, if you need a chair, they will be available on a limited basis.

We will be sending a confirmation letter with more details in early September.

Payment must accompany your registration. This is one of your benefits of being a Prior Lake Chamber member. Please mail or fax this form with payment to:

**Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
4785 Dakota Street SE
Prior Lake, MN 55372 Fax: 952.440.1611**





PRIOR LAKE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Information for Applicants to Prior Lake Area Chamber Board of Directors

Background Information

The purpose of the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce is to create, support and enhance a prosperous business environment that enhances the quality of life for the community.

The Chamber sponsors many events throughout the calendar year to promote this mission, including the City's annual community celebration of Lakefront Days, Spring Senior Social, Community Fall Fest, Downtown Dazzle, monthly membership meetings, and much more. The board of directors is responsible to the Chamber membership for managing the policies and procedures of the Chamber, promoting Chamber programs, encouraging new membership and retaining existing membership, organizing and soliciting volunteers for Chamber events, and positively representing the Chamber at various public functions. The role of a Chamber board member is vital to the success of the Chamber.

The Board consists of 11 members elected by the Chamber membership. Also serving as liaisons to the Chamber are representatives from the city and school district. Executive Director Sandi Fleck is the staff member responsible for the day-to-day operations. Board members serve 1, 2 or 3 year(s) staggered terms. The procedure for filling vacancies on the Board consists of an application process and membership ballot voting.

Chamber Board members typically invest 5 hours per month.

Chamber Board members are expected to contribute significantly more hours during the Lakefront Days celebration.

Board members are also appointed as the designated person to appear at business openings or anniversary celebrations on a 2-month rotating basis, which will include again more hours invested than an average month.

Board members are expected to review agenda materials and miss no more than 3 Board meetings per year.

The board members are volunteers and receive no compensation.

It takes dedicated individuals to keep our business community vital and growing! Apply for a board membership today!

Please complete the attached application and return to Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee, 4785 Dakota Street SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372 or Fax 952-440-1611

NO LATER THAN October 1

If you have additional questions, please contact Sandi at 952.440.1000.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY!



PRIOR LAKE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Application

Please complete this application if you are interested in applying for a term on the Prior Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Board members will be elected at large by majority votes by the general membership. Board of Directors responsibilities are as followed: attend board meetings, chamber membership meetings, chair or assist on different committees that will be assigned to you, two selected months during the year-- your presence at functions besides meetings will be necessary (grand openings, networking, etc) .

Terms available: **Board of Director Term: 1/12-12/12**
 Board of Director Term: 1/12-12/13
 Board of Director Term: 1/12-12/14

Term you are seeking: _____ Today's date: _____

Name: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

Where did you find out about this opportunity?

Briefly describe your qualifications including education, business and volunteer experience, including current job position.

Why did you choose to apply for a seat on the Board of Directors?

Please describe how you foresee the chamber in 5 years:

Please indicate days and times you would be available for meetings: _____

My signature confirms that I recognize that my failure to sign or accurately complete this application, or if I falsify information in this application, I will automatically be disqualified from consideration.

Signature: _____