

PUBLICNOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Prior Lake City Council will be conducting a public hearing on Monday, February 11, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter in the City Council Chambers of the Prior Lake City Hall at 4646 Dakota Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit resident input regarding a proposal to amend the enabling resolution of the Prior Lake Economic Development Authority (EDA) to expand the EDA from five to seven members as well as additional amendments for correction and clarification purposes.

As presently constituted, the EDA is composed of five members; two members appointed from among the City Council and three members appointed from among individuals who either live in the City or who own a controlling interest in a business located within the City.

The proposal is to revise the composition of the EDA to include seven persons, two of whom are City Council members and five of whom are residents or business persons in Prior Lake.

Minnesota Statutes Section 469.093 provides: All modifications to the enabling resolution must be by written resolution and must be adopted after notice is given and a public hearing conducted as required for the original adoption of the enabling resolution.

Questions regarding the public hearing should be directed to Dan Rogness at 952.447.9813.

Prepared this 29th day of January, 2013.

Casey McCabe, Community Development Specialist

City of Prior Lake
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DRAFT AGENDA

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

at 7:00 P.M.
 SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL, 20381 FAIRLAWN AVENUE

PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372
 7:00 Call to Order

Changes to and approval of agenda

Approval of January 10, 2013 monthly meeting minutes

7:05 Public Commentary Agenda Items

7:05 Discussion on development of PID #119140032 in the 18500 block of Panama Ave.

7:50 Engineer's Report

8:00 Road Report

8:10 Parks Report

8:20 Water Resources Report

8:30 Treasurer's Report

New Business/Old Business

Approval of disbursements

Kathy Nielsen, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR VARIANCES TO ALLOW FOR A WATER-ORIENTED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WITHIN THE SHORELAND DISTRICT OF

LOWER PRIOR LAKE

You are hereby notified that the Prior Lake Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at Prior Lake City Hall, located at 4646 Dakota Street SE, on: Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Russell Sampson is requesting variances to allow for continued use of an existing water-oriented accessory structure located in the shoreland district. The variances relate to the minimum lake setback, maximum size, maximum height, water supply and replacement standards. The

property is located on the northeast end of Lower Prior Lake off of Glendale Ave.

The property is legally described as follows:

Lot 1, BOUDIN'S MANOR 2nd ADDITION, Scott County, Minnesota and that part of Government Lot 3, Section 30, Township 115, Range 21, Scott County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the most northerly corner of said Lot 1; thence northwesterly along the northwesterly extension of the northerly line of said Lot 1 to the shoreline of Prior Lake; thence southerly and southeasterly along said shoreline to its intersection with the westerly extension of the southwest corner of said Lot 1; thence easterly along said westerly extension to the southwest corner of said Lot 1; thence northwesterly along the westerly line of said Lot 1, to the point of beginning.

AND ALSO Lot 1, OAKLAND BEACH, Scott County, Minnesota and that part of the waterfront as shown on said plat described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 05 seconds West (assumed bearing) along the westerly extension of the north line of said Lot 1, to the shoreline of Prior Lake; thence southerly along said shoreline to its intersection with a line drawn North 82 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East along said line to the southwest corner of said Lot 1; thence northerly along the westerly line of said Lot 1, to the point of beginning.

Address:
 14534 Glendale Ave.
 PID: 25-121-001-0, 25-115-001-0

Prepared this 5th day of February, 2013

Peter Aldritt Community Development Assistant

City of Prior Lake

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NOTICE

The Prior Lake - Spring Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 27 at 3:00 PM, at the District office, 14070 Commerce Ave NE Suite 300, Prior Lake, 55372, under Minn Stat 103B.251. The subject is approval of the County Ditch 13 Ferric Chloride Redesign project. This project, immediately north and east of the intersection of State Highway 13 and County Highway 17, will involve installing piping and chemical delivery equipment for a water quality treatment system and replacing a berm with a weir across a tributary channel to Spring Lake. The estimated cost of the project is \$150,000, to be paid from the District's uniform levy on real property.

Mike Kinney,
 District Administrator

Prior Lake - Spring Lake Watershed District

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Public Notice deadline for the Prior Lake American is at Noon on Tuesday for the following Saturday edition. Faxes are not accepted.



PHOTOS BY UNSIE ZUEGE

A flower fairy enjoys a quiet moment in a lush garden.

A tiny kingdom



Anna Risan is the fairy godmother of miniature gardens.

Landscape Arboretum puts fairies, gnomes in the spotlight

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Love the idea of a lush green garden with paths winding through a rose garden with bird paths and statues, a bubbling fountain and a vine covered garden shed? But the mere thought of the work involved makes you want to lie back down on the couch?

Go small. Really small. As in miniature-fairy-garden small.

In recent years, clever gardeners lacking the time, resources, or space for full-sized landscapes, are creating whimsical fairy gardens created in flower pots, planters and terrariums.

To get an idea of what is possible, visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum now through March 31. On a recent morning, Lilia Smith and her mom, Laura, of Minnetonka and family friend Linda Solender of St. Louis Park, examined and exclaimed over the miniature fairy gardens displayed in the Oswald Visitors Center.

SMALL AND CUTE

Anna Risan could be considered the local godmother of miniature gardens. Risan said she's always loved doll houses and miniatures. She thought it would be cute to incorporate some dollhouse miniatures with small-scaled plants.

"I started making little table-top pots," Risan said, "to see how people liked them. Well, they loved them. Eventually, we started doing seminars, added more miniature inventory plants and garden furniture and fairies, gnomes, and elves, and it just got bigger and bigger."

"Anytime I see anything miniaturized, it tickles my fancy," Risan said. "I'd say we're considered fairy garden specialists now. We have people from all over country calling with questions and suggestions. Other greenhouses call, interested in learning how we got started, wanting to do a similar thing in their nursery."

Unlike a life-sized yard or garden, fairy gardens can be as simple as a small pot with a bridge and a troll. Then add a variety of small-scaled plants such as baby tears and sedum.

"They can be small or big and elaborate," Risan said. "It combines our love for plants and a love of playing and using your imagination."

"This is the time of year to have a little pot inside the house," she said. "You still have to trim the bushes and mow the baby tears of course. But it's a lot less work. It gives you a giggle. It's like walking into spring."



An elf and a vibrant blossom brighten this fairy garden.

Tiny Treasures at the Arboretum

What: "Tiny Treasures: Fairies & Gnomes," encompasses several tiny garden scenes inhabited by fairies, sprites and gnomes, miniature plants, doll-size furnishings and small cottages.

When: Opened Feb. 1 and runs through March 31. Look for special fairyland storytimes, too.

Where: In the Great Hall of the Oswald Visitor Center, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chanhassen. Presented by Tonkadale Greenhouse, Minnetonka.

How: Free with gate admission.



Romeo woos his Juliet.

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