

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

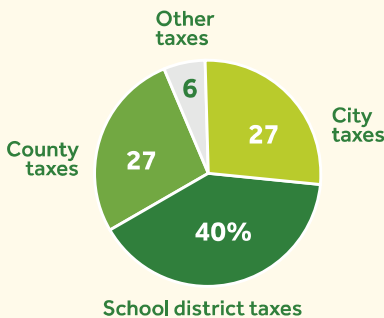
2020 began with a lot of uncertainty related to COVID-19. The City made significant changes to our operations to protect public health and reduce costs. Included in those changes were significant reductions in seasonal hiring for parks maintenance and the elimination of summer recreational programs. Despite these changes, the sewers were still maintained, water produced, Police and Fire continued to provide service, parks were mowed, and building inspections never stopped. I'm proud of how our staff persevered through this difficult time to keep providing high quality services to our residents. We also increased our use of technology to improve our levels of service, including live streaming of our City Council meetings. Prior Lake is an amazing community and the support that has been demonstrated for our local businesses this past year needs to be recognized. Thank you for continuing to purchase take-out and shop local. The City's Economic Development Authority provided financial support for our local businesses during this difficult time which further illustrates Prior Lake's small-town feel. We look forward to activities slowly returning in 2021. We have a lot to be thankful for and the outlook for Prior Lake has never been brighter.

—Jason Wedel, City Manager

## HIGH-VALUE CITY SERVICES

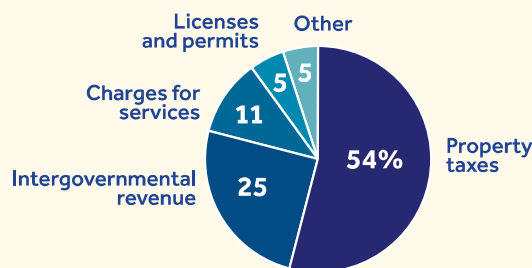
### Property Taxes:

**City taxes** account for one-fourth (27%) of property taxes in Prior Lake. The remainder is comprised of taxes for the **school district** (40%), **county** (27%) and other jurisdictions (6%).



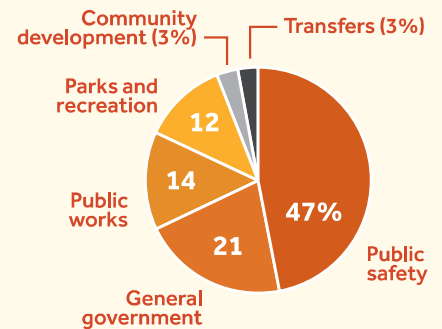
### General Fund:

**General fund revenue**, the primary source for city operating funds, comes from the following sources – 54% **property taxes**, 25% **intergovernmental revenue**, 11% charges for **services**, 5% **licenses and permits**, 5% other.



### General Fund:

**General fund expenditures** included 47% for **public safety**, 21% **general government**, 14% **public works**, 12% **parks and recreation**, 3% **community development**, and 3% transfers.



# PUBLIC SAFETY



Police Department  
**19,848**  
calls for service



Police responded to **3,310 traffic stops**  
DWI arrests = **64**  
Winter parking citations issued = **319**

**QUICK FACT:** Winter Parking Restrictions are in place for city streets from Nov 1 to Mar 31 between 2:00 am and 6:00 am to expedite snow removal.



**Fire Department** responded to **510 calls**, including **117 medical calls**, **91 vehicle accidents**, and **56 fires** in Prior Lake, Credit River Township and Spring Lake Township



**Increase of 466 building inspections from 2019**

**QUICK FACT**

Top code violations for 2020 involved garbage/refuse and junk vehicles.



Completed **6,080 building permit** inspections  
Conducted **1,477 code enforcement** inspections  
**816 code enforcement** violations

# DESIRABLE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**QUICK FACT**

Construction activity in 2020 was consistent with last year. In 2019, total permit valuation was \$78 million.



Total building permit valuation was **\$79 million**

Total commercial and industrial building permit valuation totaled **\$14 million**

Issued **3,062 permits** for new and addition/alteration permits for residential and commercial projects

**162 permits** for single-family homes

Welcomed over **86,000 sq ft of new commercial/industrial space** in 2020

# of building permits issued increased by

**437**  
from 2019



Commissioned a **new mural** downtown which was fully funded by private donations



# TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY

**Repaired 7**  
watermain breaks



Streamlined traffic flow at **TH13 & Five Hawks Ave SE** with new left-turn flashing yellow light

Flushed and inspected **1,690 water hydrants**

**Pavement Management Activities:**

- 1.4 miles** street mill & overlay
- 9.3 miles** street sealcoat
- 66 miles** pavement inspected

**10 Snow Plowing Events:**

- 840 tons** of salt
- 9,400 gallons** of brine
- 1,960 staff hours** on plowing

Completed **1,740** water/sewer appointments

Completed

**TH13/CR21**

downtown project, including roundabouts and streetscaping



# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP & RECREATION

**QUICK FACT**

Peak water usage day on June 17 was 5.2 million gallons, largely due to irrigation.



Average daily water usage in the summer is **3.8 million gallons** and **1.9 million** in the non-summer

Maintained **63 parks**, including **39 playgrounds**

Mowed **315 acres** of parkland per week

Consumed **66,350 gallons of fuel** in City vehicles

**117**  
playground inspections



# 2020 ELECTIONS

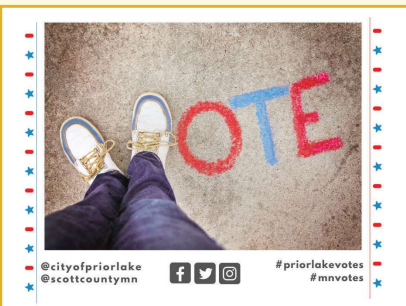
Welcomed **4,816 Absentee Ballot In-Person Voters** in City Hall over 46 days

2020 Presidential Election Absentee Ballot Voters - **57%**

2016 Presidential Election Absentee Ballot Voters - **16.4%**

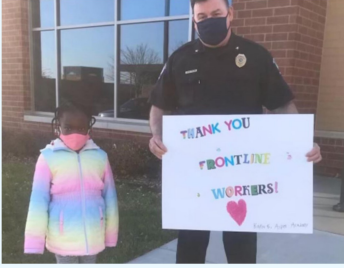
**94.1%**

(17,404 voters) of eligible voters participated in the 2020 Presidential Election



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# THE CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Received **\$1.968 million** in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funding for PPE, such as masks and sanitation supplies, and technology purchases for continuity of business operations

**21 grants totaling \$100,000** to Prior Lake businesses impacted by COVID through Scott County's *Business Recovery Program*

Waived the fee for **12 OnSale Liquor License** holders

Held **5 virtual City Council meetings** and started live streaming Council meetings

Increased the number of customers paying Utility Bills online by **7%**

To meet State restrictions and to keep employees safe and working, closed City Hall twice for a total of **78 business days**

Cleared lift station pumps of bathroom wipes and other non-flushables

**17 times**



**9**

Restaurant Assistance Loans of \$10,000 each to local restaurants

## SAVE THE DATE: 2021 COMMUNITY EVENTS\*

Muddy Buddy Run at Lakefront Park	May 22	9:00am – 12:00pm
Music in Lakefront Park	May 21	7:00pm
Sand Point Beach Party	June 11	11:00am – 2:00pm
Music in Lakefront Park	June 18	7:00pm
Sand Point Beach Party	July 9	11:00am – 2:00pm
Lakefront Music Fest	July 9-10	Lakefrontmusicfest.com
Coin Carnival	July 16	4:00-7:00pm
Lakefront Days	TBD	Priorlakechamber.com
Music in Lakefront Park	August 2	7:00pm
Chalk Fest Downtown	September 10-11	All day
Candy Crawl	October 29	10:00am-2:00pm
DecemBRRR Dazzle	December 3	6:00-8:30pm

\* May change pending State COVID-19 restrictions



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