## Scott County SCENE 04/NOV 2016

## From Prior Lake and the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District:

Community Clean Water event

The City of Prior Lake and the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District are sponsoring their annual fall cleanup event on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sand Point Beach Park in Prior Lake. It might seem counterintuitive, but leaves and other organic matter -- although natural -- can be carried by stormwater into storm drains that release them into our lakes. Once in the lakes, they breakdown and release phosphorus, which in turn feeds algae. Algae growth is a serious threat to water quality, aquatic life, property values, and water recreation. Volunteers at the Spring 2016 Clean Water Cleanup at Sand Point Beach Park collected over 1.5 tons of leaves and woody debris!

Businesses have generously provided door prizes and lunch will be served. Volunteers will also receive a free t-shirt. Volunteers are asked to sign up with the District by calling (952) 447-4166 or sign up through the City of Prior Lake's Facebook page.



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