

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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Hazardous Waste Collection - If you have hazardous materials such as paint or chemicals that you need to dispose of you'll want to mark September 25th on your calendar.

On September 25th the City will work with Tri-County Hazardous Waste Office to provide a free collection for hazardous materials. Here are the details:

- Collection site will be at the City's wastewater treatment plant (located at 400 West St. Julien Street). Please enter on Swift Street across from the National Guard Armory and exit on to St. Julien Street.
- The collection is for Nicollet, Le Sueur, and Sibley county residents.
- **There is no charge!**
- Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- This is a collection for household waste only. Absolutely **NO** business or agricultural chemicals or bulbs; motor oil or filters; explosives, or ammunition will be accepted.
- Products should be kept in the original container with the label intact and lid on tight. Damaged or leaking packages should be placed in a plastic container.
- The types of items accepted include: paints and stains; thinners and solvents; old gasoline; acids and bases; adhesives; aerosols; mercury thermometers and thermostats; household cleaners; lawn and garden chemicals; fluorescent bulbs (from residences only) and rechargeable batteries.

This collection was last done in Saint Peter in 2007 and the response from the public was tremendous! It's an excellent way for residents to legally dispose of materials that tend to pile up in garages, basements, and workshops and which could be hazardous to the environment if not properly disposed of. For more information please contact the Tri-County Solid Waste Office at 507-381-9196 or at www.co.sibley.mn/us and click on Department and then Tri-County.

P.A.W.S. WALK - October 30th is a date you'll want to keep in mind if you would like to participate in the 10th annual Providing Animals With Shelter fundraiser walk. This is the main fundraising event for P.A.W.S. and with a greater number of animals in the shelter in 2010, P.A.W.S. needs to refill its coffers so we can help even more animals in 2011. As it has been in the past, this year's walk will be a "Trick-Or Treat" walk.

The event is also in need of sponsorships by individuals and businesses. In this hard economic time, we know it's difficult to find extra money for charitable purposes, but P.A.W.S. has also been hard hit by the economic downturn as more animals are being surrendered when their owners can no longer afford to take care of them.



If you can make a donation of only \$35 (or more if you are able) or if you can donate 100 items to be given away to walkers at the trick-or-treat stops, your donation would be greatly appreciated and you would be recognized by signage along the walk route and through an advertisement in the local newspaper. All you need to do is write the check and we'll do the rest.

For more information on making a donation, please contact Community Service Officer Malinda Meyer at the Police Department at 931-1550.

If you are interested in participating in the walk, registration begins at 10 am in the Mill Pond area of Riverside Park. And, because this is a trick or treat walk, pets and people alike are encouraged to wear costumes. (Prizes will be awarded!) Concessions will be available with all funds going to PAWS. At 11:45 we will announce top donors and costume winners. Help raise money for a worthy cause! Pledge forms are available at the Kind Vet Clinic or at City Hall.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you on October 30th!

CITY SEEKING ELECTION JUDGES - Additional election judges are needed for the November 2nd general election.

To qualify as an election judge, candidates must be eligible to vote in Minnesota; be able to read, write, and speak English; not be a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct; and not be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of any candidate on the ballot in that precinct.

Judges operate voting equipment, direct voters to the correct line, register voters, ensure qualified voters are permitted to vote, demonstrate how to vote, distribute ballots to voters, assist voters, close down the polling place following voting, tabulate results after polls close, and certify the polling place results.

Judges need to be able to communicate clearly with voters, be comfortable assisting and serving a diverse population, have an ability to remain impartial and not exert influence over voters, have physical and emotional stamina, and pay close attention to details.

Election judges must also complete a two hour training course.

High School students ages 16 and 17 may be appointed as Election Judge Trainees. Students are allowed time off from school to serve as an Judge Trainee with the permission of their parents and High School Principal.

State law allows election judges to have time off from work to serve (M.S. 204B.195) and judges are paid \$7.75/hour. To be considered for appointment candidates will be required to state a political party affiliation at the time of application as required by State Statutes.

If you would like to assist your community by working as an election judge, please contact the City Administrator's office at

934-0663 or by e-mail at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov for an application form.

LED STREETLIGHTS ON MINNESOTA AVENUE - The City has provided streetlights on Minnesota Avenue since the late 1800's and early in the 1900's it became known as "The Great White Way". The recent reconstruction of Minnesota Avenue provided an opportunity to upgrade the street lighting along Minnesota Avenue to complement the historical lighting in the downtown and to install more energy efficient streetlights.

Installation of historic streetlights in the downtown will be expanded from four blocks to seven blocks so as to include the entire downtown historic district. These streetlights will include a concrete pole which will replicate the old cast iron poles of the past while providing resistance to the salt brine splattered from the highway. The head is a replica of the acorn style head used in the late 1800's; however, the lens are now constructed to direct light down to the roadway. The bulbs for the boulevard streetlights in the downtown are metal halide to provide the illumination required. The bulbs for the lights installed in the median at West Grace Street and West Park Row are now 100-watt LED bulbs. The LED bulbs provide a white light with reduced consumption of electricity and a very long life of twenty years or more. The LED fixture saves money in electricity usage and in maintenance costs and reduces the exposure of maintenance crews to traffic hazards with less maintenance events. (The 100 watt LED bulb is the largest size bulb available for the historic lights.)

The old streetlights outside the downtown were an overhead light on a thirty-foot tall steel pole. The goal of the new streetlights was to continue the historic theme on the whole highway corridor through the city. The highway corridor outside the downtown has been split into four districts – two residential, either side of the downtown and two commercial districts, one at each end of the corridor. A second goal is to reduce the cost of the street lighting which can be accomplished through reduced energy usage and long life with reduced maintenance. The Minnesota Department of Transportation has a requirement that the pole be "break-away" to reduce damage and injury if hit by a vehicle. The City will also install the poles three to five feet behind the curb to reduce vehicle conflicts.

The streetlight components that meet these requirements for the residential areas include stainless steel poles which are painted black and the same head and arm as used in the downtown. The bulb will be a 100-watt LED. There will be five poles per block with the streetlight heads at sixteen feet high, the same as the downtown. The lighting levels will be similar to the lighting levels on North Washington Avenue, except the light color will be white. This streetlight style will be installed in the residential areas from West Elm Street to West Walnut Street and from West Chestnut to West Ramsey Street.

The streetlight components that meet the goals for the commercial district include stainless steel poles which are painted black. To increase the lighting level for the commercial district, an overhead light will be installed at a thirty-foot level and a historic head similar to those in the downtown will be installed on either side of the pole at sixteen feet in height.

The commercial district extends from Highway 22 South to West Elm Street and from West Ramsey Street to West Union Street.

The material cost of the lighting is being funded from a combination of federal "stimulus" funds and electric utility budget funds. The lengthy purchase process had to meet all the federal requirements for "stimulus" funds. The streetlight materials are on order and are expected to be available for installation late this fall. The City's Electric Linemen will be doing the installation.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? - The Secretary of State's (SOS) Office has announced an on-line tool that will allow voters to find out if they are registered to vote and if so, where they vote. The tool is on the SOS website at <http://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>.

To use the feature you will need your name, birth date, zip code (or County) and then home address.

If you aren't sure if you are registered and you plan to vote in the November 2nd general election, why not find out now? If it turns out you are not registered, you still have time to pre-register for the election. Voter registration cards are available at City Hall, the Nicollet County Government Center and on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=138#VoterRegistration

Voters have until October 10th to return completed registration cards to the County Auditor's office. Anything received after that date will not be valid for the November 2nd election and you will need to register at the polls prior to voting.

For more information on the election process, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663.

HELP WANTED – The Saint Peter Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications for the following position:

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER.** Applicants must have a minimum two year degree in Law Enforcement from P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school or five years experience as a police officer; Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers license; and satisfactory results on recruitment instruments designated by the Police Civil Service Commission, such as oral examinations, written examinations, physical examinations and psychological examinations. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field; experience in working with a law enforcement agency; and specialized training or certificate in a law enforcement related field. Probationary pay rate has been set at \$22.27 per hour. Applications may be obtained at, and must be submitted, along with a résumé, to the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m. September 17, 2010. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted.

CITY CALENDAR**

Monday	September 13	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	September 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 14	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 20	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Tuesday	September 21		CITY OFFICES CLOSED 7:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. Staff Training
Thursday	September 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	September 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission

For information on the location for these meetings, please contact the City at 934-0663 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.